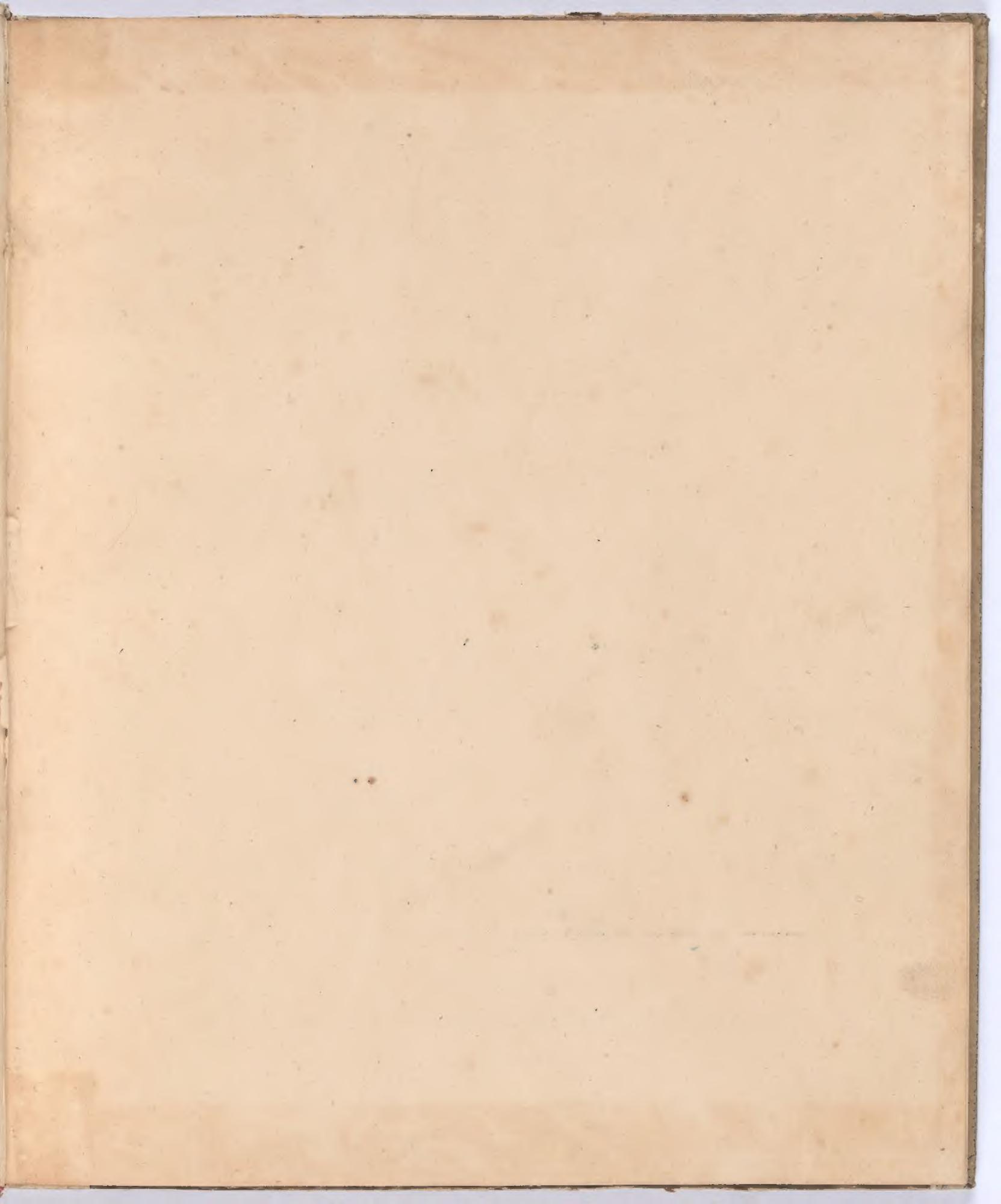
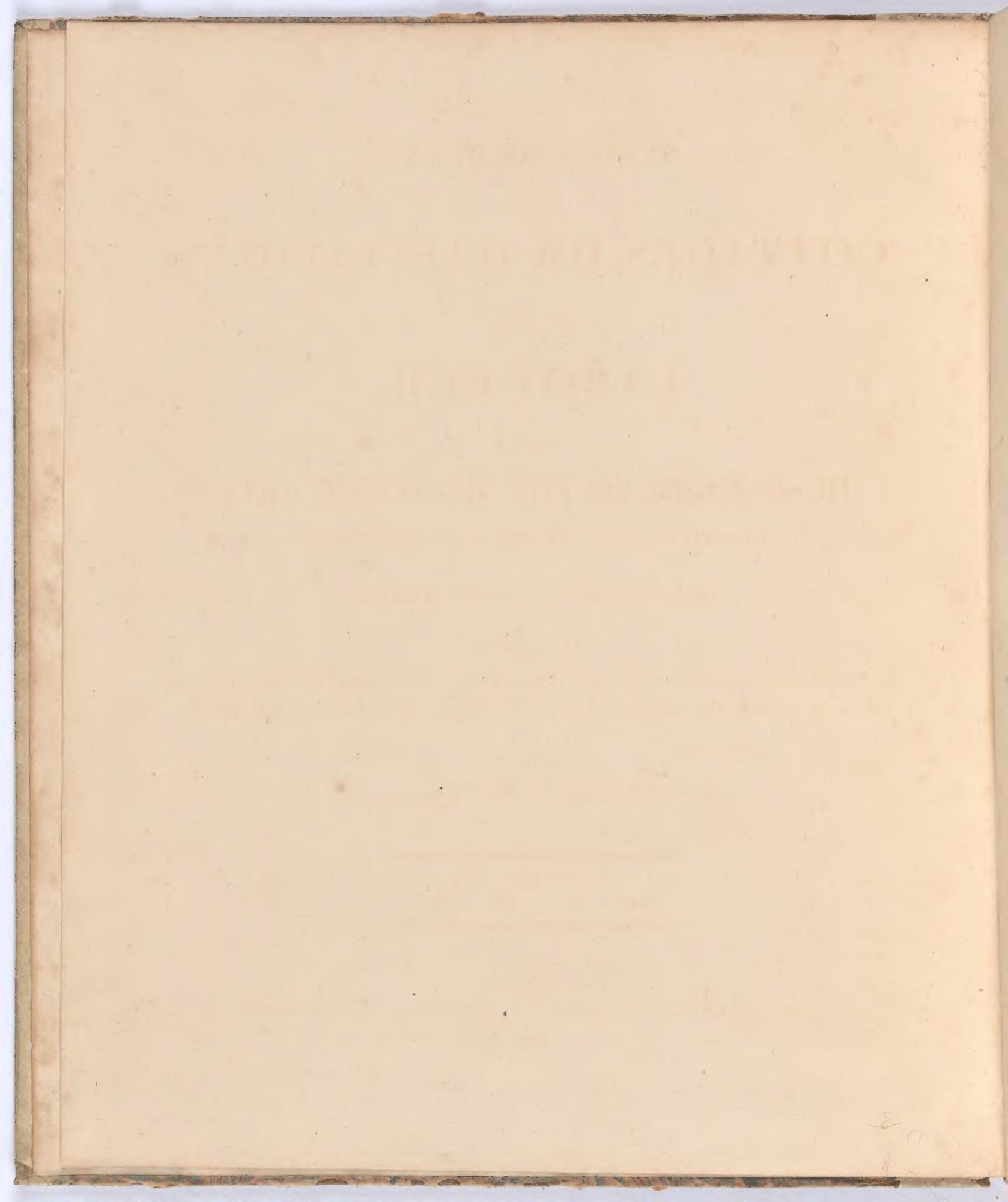


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INTRODUCTION.

Some time back when in company with feveral gentlemen of landed property, the conversation turned on the rainous state of the cottages of this kingdom; it was observed that these habitations of that useful and necessary rank of men, the labourers, were become for the most part offensive both to decency and humanity; that the state of them and how far they might be rendered more comfortable to the poor inhabitants, was a matter worthy the attention of every man of property not only in the country, but in large villages, in towns, and in cities.

Reflecting on this conversation; recollecting that no architect had, as yet, thought it worth his while to offer to the publick any well constructed plans for cottages; considering the regular gradation between the plan of the most simple hut and that of the most superb palace; that a palace is nothing more than a cottage IMPROVED; and that the plan of the latter is the basis as it were of plans for the former; prompted also by humanity to make my talent useful to the poorest of my fellow citizens; I resolved on turning my thoughts towards an object of fuch importance to the publick as plans for cottages appeared to me to be. But in order to make myself master of the subject, it was necessary for me to feel as the cottager himself; for I have always

held it as a maxim, and however quaint the thought may appear, yet it is altogether true, that no architect can form a convenient plan, unless he ideally places himself in the fituation of the person for whom he designs: I say it was necessary for me to seel as the cottager himself; and for that end to visit him; to enquire after the conveniencies he wanted, and into the inconveniencies he laboured under.

I did fo; and the further I examined the wider was the field of study that opened itself to my view. The necessity there was of improving the dwellings of the poor labourer became continually more and more apparent. I found it necessary not to confine myself to the habitations of the labourer in husbandry only, but to confider those of the workmen and artificers in the cloathing and other manufacturing counties. I began to be dispirited; to doubt my abilities; and to wish that a man of greater eminence than myself had undertaken so useful a work; a work not unworthy the attention of the most experienced architect. However I determined to proceed, flattering myfelf, that although I should not produce a perfect work, yet, at the least, I should lead the way to some greater improvement.

The greatest part of the cottages that fell

within my observation, I found to be shattered, dirty, inconvenient, miserable hovels, scarcely affording a shelter for beasts of the forest; much less were they proper habitations for the human species; nay it is impossible to describe the miserable condition of the poor cottager, of which I was too often the melancholy spectator.

Of the better kind of these cottages the poor inhabitants complained,

That they were wet and damp, from their being built against banks, or in low dreary spots; and from the floors of them being sunk, as it were, into the ground, having one step a down into them and sometimes two.

That they were cold and cheerless, from the entrances not being skreened; from the awkward situation of the door, windows, and chimney; and from the thinness of the external b walls.

That they were inconvenient from their

want of room; and from the steepness, straitness and bad a situation of the stairs, where there was an upper floor.

That they were unhealthy from the lowness and closeness of the rooms; from their
facing mostly the north and west; and from
the chambers being crowded into the roof,
where having nothing to defend them from
the weather but the rafters and bare roof
without ceiling, they were stifling hot in the
summer, and freezing cold in the winter; the
triangular shape of the roof rendered them
also incommodious; the dormer windows deing continually out of repair, and the dormers
leaky, added greatly to the dampness, unhealthiness, and decay of the cottage.

Now to obviate these complaints, and to remove these inconveniencies, I shall lay down the Seven following principles, on which all cottages should be built.

First, The cottage should be DRY and HEALTHY; this is effected by keeping the

"This error is not confined to cottages only, but it is to be observed in most houses in the country; as well in those erected years ago, as in those, strange to say it, built in modern times.

In my neighbourhood they build the external walls, both of cottages and houses, with freestone, barely six inches thick; and in the countries, where brick is made use of, and particularly where the brick is rather dear, I observed they generally made the external walls nine inches, or one brick thick. In the first case I have been often an eye witness of the rain driving, not only through the joints, but even the stone itself; and in the winter, I have seen the inside of these walls covered with ice from the roof to the soundation. In the second case, the same circumstances attend the nine inch walls, as I was informed by the several inhabitants.

The fituation of the stairs being generally at the side of the chimney, I need not expatiate on the inconveniency thereby produced; and to the old, and infirm, the steepness or straitness is very troublesome, and dangerous.

Dormer, or dormant windows are such as are commonly placed in the roof; the raster, on which the cheek or side of the window rests, is called the dormant raster; and it is easily conceived, how difficult it must be to make the joining betwixt the upright cheek and the tile, or other covering, so close as to prevent leakage, which must of course rot the dormant raster, and bring on in a short space of time the decay of the roof.

floor fixteen or eighteen inches above the natural ground; by building it clear of banks, on an open fpot of ground, that has a declivity, or fall, from the building; by having the rooms not less than eight feet high, an height that will keep them airy and healthy; and by avoiding having chambers in the roof.

Secondly, Warm, Cheerful, and comfortable. In order to attain these points the walls should be of a sufficient thickness (if of stone, not less than sixteen inches; if of brick, at least a brick and half;) to keep out the cold of the winter, and the excessive heat of the summer. The entrance should be f skreened, that the room, on opening the door, may not be exposed to the open air; the rooms should receive the light from the east, or the south, or from any point betwixt the east and the south; for if they receive their light from the north, they will be cold and cheerless; if from the west, they will be so heated by the summer's afternoon sun, as after an hard day's work; whereas on the contrary, receiving the light from the east or the fouth, they will be always warm and cheerful; so like the feelings of men in an higher sphere are those of the poor cottager, that if his habitation be warm, cheerful, and comfortable, he will return to it with gladness, and abide in it with pleasure.

Thirdly, Convenient, by having a porch, or shed, to skreen the entrance and to hold the labourers tools; by having a shed to serve as a pantry, and store-place for suel; by having a privy for cleanliness and decency's sake; by a proper disposition of the windows doors, and chimneys; by having the stairs, where there is an upper sloor, not less than three feet wide; the rise, or height not more than eight inches, and the tread, or breadth not less than nine inches; and lastly by proportioning the size of the cottage to the family that is to inhabit it; there should be

For want of this precaution, I have always observed, that in wet summers, and throughout the whole winter, the walls sucked up (if I may be allowed the expression) the water, and are damp for at least a yard high; and this happens not only where the walls are thin, but even in buildings where they are thick.

This circumstance must be particularly attended to, in those rooms where there is intended to be a bed.

⁸ At first view this nicety may appear trifling, but on mature deliberation will prove of very material consequence.

This convenience will answer many good ends, but in nothing more than being an introduction to cleanliness. In the account of the voyage to the South Sea, published by Dr. Hawksworth, speaking of the inhabitants of New Zealand is the following passage. "In personal delicacy they were not equal to our friends at Otaheite, for the coldness of the climate did not so often invite them to bathe, but we saw among them one instance of cleanliness, in which they excelled them, and of which perhaps there is no example in any other Indian Nation; every house or every cluster of three or four houses was surnished with a privy, so that the ground was every where clean." What a restection is this on the greatest part of the inhabitants of Britain to be exceeded in neatness in any one point by that barbarous race of people the New Zealanders? I could mention many large and opulent towns, particularly on the sea coasts, may some large cities, where there is scarcely such a convenience in the whole place, for want of which, the streets are perfect jakes; to the annoyance of both Inhabitants and Strangers.

one lodging room for the parents, another for the female, and a third for the male children; it is melancholy to fee a man and his wife, and fometimes half a dozen children crowded together in the fame room, nay often in the fame bed; the horror is still heightened, and the inconveniency increased at the time when the woman is in child-bed, or in case of illness, or of death; indeed whilst the children are young, under nine years of age, there is not that offence to decency if they sleep in the same room with their parents, or if the boys and girls sleep together, but after that age they should be kept i apart.

Fourthly, Cottages should not be more than TWELVE feet wide in the clear k being the greatest width that it would be prudent to venture the rasters of the roof with the collar pieces lonly, without danger of spreading the walls; and by using collar pieces, there can be sisten inches in height of the

roof thrown into the upper chambers, which will render dormer windows " ufeless. The collar pieces will serve for ceiling joists; and the small portion of the roof, that is thrown into the room, will not create those inconveniencies that attend rooms, which are totally in the roof.

Fifthly, Cottages should be always built in PAIRS; either at a little distance the one from the other; or close adjoining so as to appear as one building, that the inhabitants may be of affishance to each other in case of sickness or any other accident.

Sixthly, As a piece of Oeconomy, cottages should be built strong, and with the best of materials, and these materials well put together; the mortar must be well tempered and mixt, and lime not spared; hollow walls bring on decay, and harbour vermin; and bad sappy timber soon reduces the cottage to a ruinous state; although I would by no means

I am aware that the statute of the 5th of Elizabeth, concerning the apprenticing poor children, and compelling adults to go out to service, will be here objected to me, but the objection soon vanishes when we consider; first, That it may be policy, in many cases, to let the children live at home with their parents till they are grown up, particularly in the manufacturing Countries; where the trade of the Father will be more carefully taught the children, whose earnings often, nay generally, contribute to the better maintenance of the Family. Secondly, The power given to the parish officers by that act is very much circumscribed, and is confined merely to their own parishes; indeed they may, if they can find proper matters in other parishes, bind out their orphan poor, and the children of such poor as are willing to part with them; but this must be done by the consent of the magistrates, who should be very careful how they take the burthen off from one parish, and lay it on another.

Twelve feet is a width fufficient for a dwelling that is to be deemed a cottage; if it be wider, it approaches too near to what I would call a house for a superior tradesman; besides, it would require longer and stronger timbers, girders to the shoots and roof, and consequently greatly enhance the expence; a circumstance one would wish in all buildings to avoid.

A collar piece, is that piece of wood which ties the rafters together at some height above the wall plate, as is expressed in Fig. 1, in the first miscellaneous plate, by the letter A, and is generally dove-tailed into the rafters.

Because the room being fix feet ten inches high to the top of the wall plate, there will be sufficient height to make a window in the side wall under the plate.

have these cottages sine, yet I recommend regularity, which is beauty; regularity will render them ornaments to the country, instead of their being as at present disagreeable objects.

Seventhly, A PIECE OF GROUND for a garden should be allotted to every cottage " proportionable to its size; the cottage should be built in the vicinity of a spring of water, a circumstance to be much attended to; and if there be no spring, let there be a well.

On the foregoing Seven principles I recommend all cottages to be built; on them
I have formed the following plans, which I
divide into four claffes or degrees. First,
cottages with one room; Secondly, cottages
with two rooms; Thirdly, cottages with
three rooms; and Fourthly, cottages with
rour rooms, of each of which in order.

But before I proceed, it will be proper to

inform the reader, that the following plans are calculated for the neighbourhood to the eastward of Bath; I say to the eastward, because a little way either to the east, or to the west, makes a sensible difference in the expence of the carriage of stone.

It is very remarkable, that if a line be drawn from north to fouth through the city of Bath, leaving the hot fprings to the eastward, that all the stone immediately to the eastward p of that line is a fine freestone, and continues such for about four miles to the east, when it changes to a shelly tile, which runs about six miles further eastward, and then becomes a chalk in the Wiltshire hills. Immediately on the west of the above described line, the stone is hard, called the blue and white lyas; both will burn into lime, but the blue is the best. This lime is very strong, of a brown colour, (or what the workmen term

"This will hold good in the country where ground is not of so great a value, but in towns we must be content with a small outlet behind. The advantage of a garden to cottages has been much insisted upon by all late writers on this subject.

oI cannot more properly than in this place observe, that near Dorchester, in Dorsetshire, there has been lately erected a row of four cottages for the accommodation of an adjoining Farm, in which there has not been the least attention paid either to the principles of sound building, or to decency, or conveniency. The entrances are from the west, and not skreened; the windows are to the same point; the cottages is seventeen feet and an half wide in the clear; and the whole triangular space of the roof occupied as a chamber. The consequence is, that the walls, which have not been built more than three years, are already considerably spread, and must in a short time fall down; the poor inhabitants told me that they could scarcely support the heat of these rooms in the summer, and that they were quite frozen in the winter. The indecency of one chamber for a large Family, is here very striking; and what adds to the shamelesshess of it, was the partitions between house and house being nothing more than thin, rough boards not jointed; and yet the rent, paid for each cottage, is sisty two shillings a year. It is a pity that gentlemen, who build cottages for the accommodation of their labourers, do not study stability for their own sakes, and conveniency and decency for the sake of the inhabitants; for, believe me, the poor man wishes for conveniency, but knows not how to remedy himself; and would be decent, was it in his power.

If this line be continued northward forty miles, even to Gloucester, the same circumstance of having freestone to the east will still attend it; and if continued southward about twenty miles, through Shepton-Mallet, 'twill be the same also, except about two miles over Mendip, where the hard lime-stone rock runs a few miles to the east to Vobster, in the parish of Melis, and is there lost.

it, casts brown) and sets or grows hard qunder water. This lyas stone continues for eight miles westward, and then changes into a gritty, thin-bedded, hard stone, called pennant, with which the foot pavements of the streets rare laid; this pennant stone runs sour miles surther westward to the city of Bristol, and then becomes a very hard lime-stone, which casts white, but will not set in water. Thus at Bath we have stone for tile; a freestone, perhaps the siness in the kingdom; two kinds of lime-stone; and an excellent stone for paving, all within an easy carriage of the city.

The freeftone is fawed out with a common hand-saw into what is called perpenashlar, that is, stone of four, fix, eight or ten inches thick, and of fuch height and length as the rock will admit of; but generally into, what is called, ten, twelve, or fourteen inch courses, and the stone from two feet and an half, to four feet and an half in length. A wall well built with fix inch ashlar is much stronger than a brick wall of nine inches thick; but if fuch fix inch walls be the external ones of any dwelling, the rooms within, as I observed before, will be fultry hot in the fummer, and freezing cold in the winter; however, fuch thin ashlar makes most excellent infide partitions.

Now as there is so great a difference in the building materials, within so short a space as ten miles either to the east or to the west of one town, how much must the materials of one country vary from those of another? We may therefore justly conclude that the prices of building must vary in every country; and yet I have found by experience, that the difference on the whole is very little, throughout the kingdom, if the builder is content to make use of the local materials of the country where he builds.

It has been observed, that the estimates for these cottages were made for the neighbourhood of Bath; I shall therefore now proceed to describe the method of building, and the materials made use of in that part of the country; and also to shew the prices there given not only for materials, but for workmanship, both by the yard, and by the day: from which premises, I shall lay down such a mode of calculation, as will put it in the power of any person, with very little trouble, to ascertain the value of the same kind of work in any other country. As there are feveral branches of the building bufiness employed in the erection of an humble cottage, I will confider and explain each feparately.

This lime with coal ashes, mix'd in the manner prescribed by Mr. Loriot, will make the hardest cement I ever saw, as I have found by various experiments; it will hold water, resist frost, harden in a few hours in water, and will bear a very good polish.

The coach or carriage ways are laid, or pitched with blue lyas, which wears very well, though it will not bear the frost.

^{&#}x27;A provincial term; a corruption I imagine of perpendicular, as the stone in this form is placed on the edge, and must of course be set very plumb, or perpendicular; and the edge or bed truly square with the upright surface.

Masons' Work.

The materials made use of in this branch are rough walling stone and ashlar. The foundation shall be two feet thick, and two feet high to the level of the floor of the room; the walls above that level to be twenty inches thick; the walls of the sheds to be built with four inch t ashlar; the quoins, the jaumbs and heads of the chimneys, doors and windows" to be of ashlar; as also the sills of the windows, the fummer-frones " the tabling; the tuns, or that part of the chimney that rifes above the roof, should be of the same material.

A waggon load of stones, which at the quarry costs one Shilling and four-pence, and the carriage of which will be five shillings, is fufficient to build a perch of walling confisting of thirty cubical feet.

Two rough masons, * each of whose wages are three shillings and six-pence for the day,

of two shillings and sour-pence, will build about four perch in a day, including the mixing of the mortar; thus the cost of one perch is two shillings and four pence, but an allowance of one penny is to be made in every perch for the trouble of erecting and taking down the fcaffolds, which will make the value of a perch two shillings and five-pence.

Twelve bushels of lime at fix pence the bushel; and one cart load of mortar dirt, or fand, at eighteen-pence the load (the whole making feven shillings and fix-pence) will be fufficient for three perch and an half of work, that is, two shillings and two-pence the perch.

Four inch ashlar delivered on the spot is worth three pence three farthings, and the workmanship in setting the same, and afterwards cleanfing it down, is one penny halfpenny for every foot superficial, to be measured on one fide only; the mortar with which fuch ashlar is fet, is lime and the fand of the freestone, but the quantity is so small, that the value of and one mason's labourer at the daily wages | what is used in setting an hundred feet of

^{&#}x27; In countries where there is no fuch ashlar, those walls must be built as thin as possible with the stone of the country. And where bricks are made use of, a wall of the thickness of half a brick will answer the purpose very well.

[&]quot;This will not increase the expence; because the labour saved in hewing the quoins, jaumbs, &c. in the rough stones, will amply pay for the extraordinary expence of the freeftone, made use of in those several articles.

[&]quot; In the first miscellaneous plate, Fig. 2. A, is the summer stone; B, B, the barge stones; C, the tabling, the first piece of which is worked in the folid of the fummer stone, and so becomes an abutment, as at D, and support to the rest of the tabling. The tabling is three inches thick, and nine inches broad; two inches project over the gable end, and as the barge ftones are four inches thick, there are three inches of it to project over the covering, which makes the neatest finish that can be imagined. The inclined plane of the gable end is called the barge. In walls where barge stones are not made use of, their place is supplied with a rafter, called the barge rafter; and this supports the outward course of tile, called the barge course.

^{*} The mason that sets the stone is called a rough mason; the man that works the sectione is called a free mason; a mason's labourer has always greater wages than a common labourer, as it requires skill and practice to attend masons.

four inch ashlar, will scarcely amount to ninepence.

The price, therefore, of a perch of walling will fland thus,

			\$.	d.
One load of stone at the quarry	٠	m .	1	4
Carriage of one load	 4		5	0
Expence of mortar	 4		2	2
Workmanship			2	5
			10	11 y

Now as the same quantity of materials will do the fame quantity of work in every country where stone is made use of, the above example will eafily ascertain the value of a perch of wall in any place whatfoever, in proportion to the price of materials, and in proportion to the wages of the mason and labourer. In those counties where chalk and flint, or flint alone is made use of, the case will be very near the fame. And there will not be a very great difference even where they build mud-walls. I have feen those kind of walls, particularly in Cornwall, very strong and good; but if the builders would, as they lay on wet dirt, straw, and small stones, throw in a fmall quantity of quick lime finely pounded, it would greatly strengthen the work; and I advise them not to be sparing of bond-timber, if they defire their buildings to be durable.

BRICKLAYERS' WORK.

This work is performed by the rod, containing two hundred and seventy-two feet superficial of wall a brick and an half thick, to which standard thickness all the walls are to be reduced. Four thousand and five hundred bricks will do a rod of work; the mortar for that quantity of work will be thirty bushels of lime, and two cart loads of sand; the mixing of the mortar will employ a labourer three quarters of a day; and a bricklayer and his labourer will build a rod in five days.

The price therefore of a rod of brick work in London and its neighbourhood will be as follows.

	l.	S.	d.
4500 of bricks at 42 s. the thousand, delivered on the spot	9	9	0
30 bushels of lime at 6 d. the bushel, delivered on the spot }	0	15	0
2 cart loads of fand at 3s. the load, delivered on the spot	0	6	0-
day a labourer mixing the mortar at 3s	0	2	3
5 days a bricklayer at 4s. 6d	1	2	6
5 days a labourer at 3s	0	15	0
	12	9	9

In countries distant from London, where labour and materials are cheaper, the price will of course be less; for instance, at Stock-port, in Cheshire, the price of a rod of brick work will be as follows.

The above price of ten shellings and eleven pence for the perch is the cost that every master-builder will be at, out of his own pocket, exclusive of his own time, of the wear and tear of scaffolding, interest of money, and a reasonable profit.

	l.	8.	đ.
4500 bricks at 35 s. the thousand .	7	17	6
30 bushels of lime at $6d$, the bushel .	0	15	0
2 cart loads of fand at 1s. the load .	0	2	0
a day a man to mix the mortar at 2s.	0	1	6
5 days a bricklayer at 3s. the day .	0	15	0
5 days a labourer at 2 s	0	10	0
	10	1	
5 days a bricklayer at 3s. the day .	0	15	0

It must here again be observed, that these prices are exclusive of materials for scaffolding, and also of the reasonable profit that should be allowed to a master bricklayer.

IRONMONGERY.

I mention this article before the carpenters work, because there are many articles of the ironmongery goods made use of in the carpenters branch, and estimated with it; the following are the chief; four, six, eight, ten, twelve, and twenty-penny nails; six inch spikes at two-pence a piece; eight, ten, and twelve-penny slooring brads; three, four, and six-penny clout nails; six inch H-L hinges, at one shilling and two-pence the pair; ten inch side hinges at two shillings and two-pence a pair; casement stays at six-pence the pair; casement fastenings at four-pence the pair; slock locks at two shillings apiece, and casement squares at one shilling the set.

CARPENTERS' WORK.

The wages of a carpenter are four shillings a day, the price of fir timber three shillings, and of elm two shillings and six-pence the foot cubical; fir board, one inch thick, two pounds, and elm board of the same thickness, one

is, the former five-pence, the latter four-pence the foot. I must observe, that although sir is dearer than elm by the foot, yet it is cheaper to use the former, as there is so much waste, occasioned by the elm being in general what the workmen call very waney. Sawing is done by the hundred feet, from three shillings and six-pence to four shillings the hundred; deal quarter four inches by three is worth three-pence the foot running.

The roofs of cottages I advise to be framed with rafters two inches thick; fix inches broad at the foot, B, (in fig. 1. first miscell. Plate) and five inches broad at the point, C; tied together by the collar piece, A, five inches broad, and two thick; dove-tailed at each end, as at D, D, into the rafters; halved together at the point, C, there fastened with two tenpenny nails; and abutted with a bird's mouth, as at E, E, on the wall plate, into which they are to be nailed, at the foot, with a double tenpenny tail; the wall plate to be five inches broad and two thick. In order to keep the roof fleady, put a ridge piece of inch board fix inches broad, notched on the upper edge, about two inches deep, to receive and clip the rafters at the internal angle of the point, and let it be drove up to its place by a collar of inch board, fix inches broad, which fasten to the rafters with four tenpenny nails, as expressed by Fig. 3, in the same plate, where A is the ridge piece, and B, B, the fmall collar; Fig. 4, represents the same ridge piece, lengthways, with the notches as above described.

The pitch of the roof to be as in Fig. 5, in the same plate, suppose a triangle ABC to represent the roof, where AC is the horizontal length of the base, or distance from one foot of the rafter to the other, bisect the line AC at D; on the point D erect the perpendicular DE; divide AD, or CD, into four equal parts, then take three of these parts and fet them off on the line DE to the point B; then will A B, or C B, be the length of the rafter, and be equal to five of fuch parts as AD is divided into, by the forty-seventh proposition of the first book of Euclid. For A D, the base, being four, its square will be fixteen; and DB, the perpendicular, being three, its square, will be nine; nine and fixteen make twenty-five, the square root of which is five, equal to the length of the rafter, or hypothenuse AB. If workmen would well confider this pitch, it would fave a deal of timber, time, and waste. And I can assure them, from long experience, that it is fufficiently steep for any materials that are made use of in this kingdom for covering of buildings.

Having mentioned above, that the rafters of the roof must be abutted on the wall plate with a bird's-mouth, as at E E, referring to the first Figure in the first miscellaneous plate, and as the scale to which that sigure is drawn is but small, and probably what I call a bird's-mouth may not be sufficiently understood, it is expressed in a larger scale by the sixth sigure in the same plate, where A is the wall plate; B the rafter; and c d e the bird's-

mouth. I must observe also, that the collar piece is directed to be dove-tailed at each end into the rafters; it must be further directed to be kept in its place by four hold-fasts or stay-hooks, such as are used by plumbers, of about the value of a penny each, driven through the rafters, and clinched, at the places marked with the black dots on the rafters in the first figure; these will keep the collar piece in its place, and prevent its starting, without deftroying the operation of the dove-tail, which would certainly be the case if the ends of the collar piece were to be nailed to the rafters.

Wherever the roof is hip'd there must be an angular brace of quarter, dove-tailed into the wall plate, as at A A, Fig. 7; the mortice to be one inch deep, and the under-shoulder half an inch, so that the upper side will be one inch and an half above the wall plate; then let the diagonal piece C B, six inches broad and one and an half thick, be dove-tailed, at the end B, into the brace A A, its whole thickness deep, then will the upper side be slush with the upper side of the brace, and its under side at C, be slat on the wall plate. This diagonal piece is the abutment to the hip rafter.

A square of such roof, including the wall plate, will contain thirteen feet of timber; one hundred seet of sawing; and eight seet of inch board; it will also require ferty tenpenny, and twelve twenty penny nails; and two men will frame and put up two squares in a day and an half. The price

therefore of a fquare of fuch roofing will fland thus,

	Z.	$\delta_{\rm n}$	d.
13 feet of timber at 3 s	1	19	0
8 feet of board at 5 d	0	3	4
100 feet of fawing	0	3	6
Nails, &cc	0	1	6
Labour	0	6	0
	2	13	4

The flooring I advise to be thus, the joists to be fix inches by four, and to lie from wall to wall the breadth of the building; two half joifts to be placed against each end, and the remaining space so divided, as to be about three feet from middle to middle of the joifts, as described by Fig. 8, in the first miscellaneous plate, where A A are the half joifts, B B the whole joifts, and C C the trimmers on each fide of the chimney; then the flooring boards to be one inch and a quarter thick, grooved and tongued, and planed on both fides. The joifts also should be planed and tried up; these joists will be worth fix-pence the foot for the stuff; and the planing, trying up, and laying, two-pence the foot running; a fquare will require thirty-three such feet; again, a man can plane, groove, tongue, and lay about half a square of flooring in a day, which amounts to eight shillings the square; board, one inch and a quarter thick, is worth fixpence the foot, and a square of slooring will require one hundred of tenpenny slooring brads; under the ends of the joists I would have a plate D of inch and quarter board, six inches broad, laid into the wall, this will add about eight feet of board to every square. I advise also, that a plate of the same scantling, planed on the under side only, be laid on the joists and nailed down to them; and a similar plate laid along each end of the room at the same level, the one for the sides of the flooring boards to joint to; the other to receive the heading joints, this will increase the price of the square about four shillings. The price therefore of a square will stand thus,

	l.	s.	d.
33 feet of joifts, work included, 6 d.	0	16	6
work included	2	18	4
8 feet of plate at 7 d	0	4	8
The extraordinary expence of the plate above mentioned	0	4	0
100 tenpenny brads	0	0	10
	4	4	4

There is another method of making the naked floor, which is, to put a beam across the room of eight inches square, and then the joists to be of quarter, four inches by three, placed in the manner above described; in this case, if the bearing of the joists be but five

^{*} Grooved and tongued. That is, on both edges of the board, exactly in the middle, is made a groove about three quarters of an inch deep, then a thin piece of wood, of an inch and a half broad, is put into the groove of one board, and the other is drove up to a close joint on it; Figure 9 in the first miscellaneous plate, represents the section of two boards, the grooves A A on their edges, and the thin piece of board B called the tongue, all separate; and Figure 10 represents the same when closed.

feet eight inches, the expence will exceed the above method a mere trifle; but if the bearing be greater, the scantling of the joists must be increased, or the joists placed nearer together, whereby the expence will be considerably enhanced. The former method of slooring I have found by experience to be the best ever yet put in practice for small houses, where the bearing of the joists does not exceed twelve feet; it is attended with these peculiar advantages, there is no harbour for vermin; the joints of the flooring boards are so secured, that neither wet, nor dust, can fall from the upper to the lower floor; nor is there any occasion for lath and plaister.

The partitions to be of boards one inch and a quarter thick, grooved and tongued, and planed on both fides, in the fame manner as the floors, so the price will be three pounds five shillings the square; that is, three pounds two shillings for board and work, and three shillings for nails and battens; this is to be understood of such partitions as have no doors in them, for where there are doors, two shillings and fix-pence must be allowed for each, to pay for extraordinary labour and time, that must necessarily be employed in framing and hanging them, and in making the latch and catch, or such other fastening as shall be thought expedient.

All doors, not in partitions, to be battened doors, with frames of quarter; every door three feet wide, and fix feet four inches high, will take twenty-four feet of inch board, battens included, and eighty tenpenny nails; each frame will require twenty feet of quarter, and a man can make a well rabbetted door, its frame, hang, and put up the same, in a day; so that the price of a door stands thus,

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24 feet of inch board at 5 d	O.	10	0
22 feet of quarter at 3 d	0	5	6
80 tenpenny nails ,	0	0	8
Workmanship	0	4	6
A pair of fide hinges	0	1	6
	1	2	2

The windows for the lower floor are to be three feet wide and four feet fix inches high; the frames of quarter; and the casements of inch and quarter board; the windows of the upper floor three feet square. One of the larger windows will take twenty two feet of quarter, one foot of board, and a man can make such frame, casement, put up, hang the same, and put on all the sastenings in a day, the price of the larger windows will then be,

	Z.	s.	ď.
22 feet of quarter at 3 d	0	5	6
1 foot of board at 5 d	0	0	5
Labour	0	4	6
1 fet of casement squares	0	1	0
1 pair of casement stays	0	0	3
1 pair of fix inch H-L hinges at 1s. 2d.	0	1	2
1 pair of casement fastenings	0	0	2
10 feet of glazing at 9 d. the foot .	0	7	6
Painting	0	0	8
	1	7	
	1	1	Z

The fmaller windows requiring about five feet less of quarter, and about four feet less of glass, will be worth fixteen shillings each.

The stairs to be of inch board, and the.

bearings of the same; whether the stairs be constructed as in plate VII, or as in plate X, the expence will be the same, both as to materials and as to workmanship; but if constructed as in plate XVIII, the expence will be a trisle more, as I shall explain in its proper place.

The cottages being eight feet eight inches high, from floor to floor, there will in every flair case be required, twelve steps and thirteen risers, in which will be used fixty-four feet of board, eighteen feet of quarter, fifty tenpenny flooring brads, and one hundred of tenpenny nails; a man can work, set up, and finish such a stair case in two days and a half; the price therefore of a stair case, will be as follows,

	Z.	8.	d.
64 feet of board at 5 d	-1	6	8
18 feet of quarter at 3 d	0	4	6
Nails	0	1	3
Workmanship	0	11	3
	2	3	8

Although I cannot recommend Timber buildings, knowing them to be attended with many and great inconveniencies, particularly their being hot in fummer and cold in winter; their being too liable to fire, and their being continually in want of repairs; yet as some Gentlemen may be desirous of following the practice, I will give them the best advice I

can, and this is no way better to be done, than by shewing the method of framing the front and end of the double cottage described in plate 10 of this work. The scantling of the timber necessary for cottages of this sort is but small, the strength of the building depending more on the mechanical construction, than on the size and quantity of the materials.

All timber buildings must be supported on a brick or stone foundation of about two feet high above the natural ground, on this foundation must be laid the sill A A, in the first figure of the second miscellaneous plate, which represents the framing of the south fide of the above mentioned cottages; into the fill must be tenoned the angular posts BB, and all the other upright studs; the fill must be fix inches broad and three thick, and as it will be difficult to procure timber long enough for the fill to be of one piece, let it be fcarfed or lengthened with a dove-tailed joint "; the studs a a a, that form the jaumbs of the doors and windows, are to be fix inches broad and four thick, all the others only two inches thick; the braces b b b, to be also fix inches by four; the angular posts, B, B, should be in one length from top to bottom, and fix inches square. The girder CC to be tenoned at each end, into the upright posts with a dove-tailed b tenon; and scarfed with an in-

^{*} A dove-tailed joint. As expressed by the 11th figure of the first miscellaneous plate, at the letter A.

A dove-tailed tenon, see sig. 3, miscellaneous plate 2, where A is the girder, B the upright angular post; at the end of the girder must be made the dove-tail tenon a b c d, the mortice b o p c must be cut through the post so much longer, than the girder is high, that when the dove-tail is in its place, there will be an hole a d p o through the post above the girder; into this hole must be driven, tightly, the wedge C, which will always confine the tenon in its place.

dented 'joint; this girder to be fix inches fquare, and its office is to support the floor of the chambers; the studs a a a, in the lower tier, are tenoned both into the fill, and into the under side of the girder; the other studs only into the fill, as cutting fo many mortices in the girder would weaken it too much; but to fupply the place of a mortice, let there, between every two fluds, be tightly driven a piece of inch board and nailed to the under fide of the girder, as expressed by the dotted line; the same must be done both on the upper and lower fides of the braces as mortices to the studs, that rest on those pieces; the office of the braces is not only to keep the framing steady, and prevent its rocking from end to end, but also to admit stuff of almost all lengths to be made use of; and and here I caution the builder always to place the braces leaning towards the middle of the work, and not to be guilty of that frequent error of placing them the contrary way, as I have shewn by the dotted lines x x in the upper tier. The wall plate D D, which in these buildings is more properly the architrave, to be four inches thick, scarfed as the girder, and dove-tailed dits whole depth into the heads of the angular posts; the studs a a a, in the fecond tier, are to be tenoned both into the girder and into the architrave, but the others only into the girder, and secured at top as those in the lower tier; the second sigure of this plate represents the framing of the ends, and needs no further explanation, than that the timbers A A, and B B, are to be tenoned into the angular posts with a dove-tailed tenon, and the timber C C, tenoned into the same posts with a common tenon; this piece may be placed, either higher or lower, at the discretion of the builder, as its use is chiefly to give an opportunity of using short stuff.

The roofs of these buildings differ from those of stone or brick buildings, as their office is as much to keep the opposite sides of the building together, as to cover the cottages, and must therefore be framed with principal rafters, as fig. 8, miscel. plate 2, where A is the girder, or fpan beam; BB, the principal rafters; both girder and rafters are fix inches by four; the rafters to be abutted into the girder as at C, and halved together at the point; care must be taken that the toe of the rafter at b, be within the upright of the infide of the framing; into these rafters must be framed purlines of fix by two, as at cc; and at the point, between each pair of principals, must be a ridge piece of quarter four inches square, as at D, the upper sides of

Dove-tailed, &c. This is explained by fig. 6 and 7 in the second miscellaneous plate, where a a a a denote the head of the post, with a proper dove-tail mortice and shoulder; and A, in fig. 7. is the dove-tail of the wall plates.

An indented joint. This is the strongest and best way of scarsing I ever saw, or can think of, and is explained by the fourth and sist figures of the second miscellaneous plate. Fig. 4 represents the pieces of timber cut into the proper shape, but not joined; the length a b must be about two inches shorter than cd; and gh as much shorter than es; so that when joined, as in fig. 5, there will be lest the square hole B, through this hole must be driven a double wedge, which will force the points a and h, into the angles c and f, and the beam will thereby become full as strong, as if it was in one piece.

which must bevel with the rafter, but the under sides square the one to the other; these ridge pieces must be supported by a small collar oo; on these purlines and ridge piece lie and are nailed the small rafters of three inches square; the roofs must be always hipped at the ends, and the wall plates tied at the corners with angular braces, as in fig. 7, miscel. plate 1, the hip rafter serving as a brace to keep the whole roof steady; the girders at the ends must be calked down into the wall plate with an hidden dove tail.

The floors will differ from that in the eighth figure of the first miscellaneous plate, in nothing but that the ends of the joists must be calked down to the girder, as the girders of the roof are calked down to the wall plate; and left the ends of the joifts should rife, it will be necessary to fasten them with a large staple drove over them into the girders; but great care must be taken not to let the staple pass through the joist into the girder, as that would entirely deftroy the operation of the dove-tail, whose office is manifestly to keep the fides of the building from fpreading, both by these joists of the sloor, and by the girders of the roof; from hence will appear the reason of scarsing the architrave and girder with an indented joint, because that method of fcarfing refifts the pull or thrust both lengthways and breadthways, whereas a dovetail fcarf, as in the fill, refifts only the pull lengthways.

PLAISTERERS' WORK.

There is so little a quantity of this work required in building these cottages that it will not be worth the while of a Gentleman to provide the materials, every country plaisterer having in general by him a sufficient quantity to perform the work at one shilling and four-pence the yard for ceilings, including laths and nails; and eight-pence a yard for plaistering on walls.

TILERS' WORK.

There is no branch in the building business, except the paviours, that admits of so great a variety as this, but there is none of greater consequence, nor that requires a greater skill in the workman, for which reason, the workmanship is always by the great. The materials made use of in the neighbourhood of Bath, are either stone tile, cornish state, pantile, or thatch; first then of the stone tile, one waggon load will do a perch of work, confifting of two hundred and twenty-five feet, or two fquares and a quarter; at the quarry a load will cost twenty five shillings; the carriage fix shillings; the workmanship fifteen Shillings, and the laths two Shillings and fixpence; pins and nails three shillings; and mor-

The method of calking with an hidden dove tail is thus: Let fig. 7, in miscel. plate 2, be the wall plate; on the upper side of this make a dove-tail mortice about two inches deep, as at C, with the shoulder a b c d; on the under side of the girder D, fig. 9, cut the dove-tail P; let this dove-tail be driven down into the mortice C, and the operation of the whole will be readily seen.

four shillings the square. In all two pounds fourteen four shillings the square.

Of the cornish slate, sisteen hundred will do a perch, and at the sea-port will cost twenty shillings the thousand; the carriage five shillings the thousand; the dressing and laying on sisteen shillings the perch; the nails, laths, and mortar, the same as the stone tile, in all, two pounds thirteen shillings and six-pence the perch, or twenty-sour shillings the square.

Of the pantiles one hundred and fixty will do a square; to the same quantity, will be required ten, ten feet pantile laths, and one hundred and twenty of sixpenny nails; the tiles are worth on the spot eight shillings the hundred; and the laths three shillings the dozen; and three shillings for the square is the price of workmanship, so that the price of a square will be eighteen shillings and ten-pence.

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Is of two kinds, one with haulm, or straw that has not been thrashed, but the sheaves of wheat first combed with an iron toothed comb made for that purpose, and cleared from all short straws, from weeds and grass, and then the ears cut off with a sharp sickle; the other with straw that has been thrashed. Of the first kind, eight sheaves of haulm at twelve shillings the dozen; one pound of rope yarn at six-pence the pound; one hundred of sourpenny nails; and one hundred of three feet laths at sixteen pence the hundred, will do a square; the workmanship of which will be

three shillings and six-pence, making in the whole thirteen shillings and eight-pence.

Of the second kind, a ton of straw will cover fix square; and straw is worth about forty-five shillings the ton; so that the straw, for a square, will cost seven shillings and sixpence; but in every other respect the expence of covering with straw is the same as covering with haulm. The first kind of thatching has this advantage, that it will last twenty-five or thirty years, whereas the second kind will require renewing every twelve or fourteen years, and there is but six-pence different in the price. The weekly wages of a thatcher and his boy are twenty shillings.

In countries where brick is the building material, the tiles are burnt ones, commonly called plain tiles. To cover a fquare at a fix inch gauge, it will require feven hundred and fixty tiles, at fifty shillings the thousand; one bundle of laths, at three shillings; fix hundred threepenny nails, a peck of pins at one shilling; two bushels of lime at fix-pence the bushel; and one bushel of sand at three-pence the bushel; one day's work for a bricklayer at three shillings and fix-pence, and one day for his labourer at three shillings; so the price of a square will stand thus,

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760 1	iles at 5 s.	the	hui	ndr	ed			1	18	0
1 bu	ndle of Ja	ths		4			4	0	3	6
600 (of nails at	3 d.		,,		٠		0	1	6
A pe	ck of pins						٠	0	1	0
2 but	hels of lit	me				4		0	1	0
1 bui	hel of fan	ıd.			4			0	0	3
labou	т				*	à		0	6	6
								- 0	11	Q

PAVIOURS' WORK.

Although this branch will admit of fo great a variety, I shall confine myself to the paving proper for cottages, the rag-tile is generally made use of, and is worth one shilling and six-pence the yard, materials and work included; there is a kind of plaister floor much used in countries where lime and coal ashes are in plenty, it is a very good floor, and may be made for nine-pence the yard;

where brick is the material, thirty-two will pave a yard square, if laid flat ways, and forty-eight if placed on the edge, and will be worth four-pence per yard for laying, so that if bricks are two pounds two shillings the thousand, a yard of paving flatways, will cost about two shillings and two-pence; and three shillings, if laid edgeways. Near the sea coast they pave with a small pebble, that makes very neat work, and may be done for one shilling the yard; slints also make no bad pavement, and is very cheap.

PLANS FOR COTTAGES, &c.

CLASS THE FIRST,

CONTAINING

PLANS OF COTTAGES CONSISTING OF ONE ROOM.

PLATE I.

Number 1. is the most simple cottage of any, being nothing more than a room, B, twelve feet square, and feven feet and an half high to the under side of the wall plate; with a porch, A, five feet long by three feet eight inches wide. The situation of the bed is marked with an afterisk; the chimney is placed in the angle; and the slew of it brought round to the back, and carried up in a gable end; the cottage fronts the east, and receives its light from the south.

Number 2. is the cottage, having one shed, A, instead of a porch; another shed, C, for a pantry; and the conveniency, D; the width of these sheds is determined by the pitch or declivity of the roof of the cottage; under the eaves of which the roofs of the sheds sinish; and their width in this and in other plans, where the whole of the cottage is on the ground shoor, is three feet eight inches in the clear; the entrances of these sheds are level with the ground, and out of them you ascend into the cottage by

steps made in the thickness of the wall; this cottage I suppose to front either the south or the east, and to receive its light from that point to which it fronts; the slew of the chimney of this as well as of the foregoing, is brought up in a gable end at the back fronts, and the roof in the front is to be hipped.

Number 3. represents two of these cottages joined together; and I suppose them to receive their light from the south; the chimneys are placed back to back, from whence arises, as well the great conveniency of having cupboards or shelves on each side of them, as the saving of materials.—The pantries c. c. must in this case be placed behind.—These cottages, with a piece of ground for a garden, would serve a single person; or two women, or a man and his wife, with one or two children.

I am well fatisfied that it would be œconomy to build in most parishes a row or rows of these small cots. There are many poor persons who very much want a dwelling at a low rent, and if the parish would at a low rent render the industrious labourer a warm, comfortable, and healthy habitation, it would be a means oftentimes to keep him from wanting other parochial relief. The poor pitiable widow also, with three or four small children, could she live rent free, would be enabled, with a little other assistance, to breed up her family; and the impotent poor, if provided for in like manner, might live comfortably on a very small weekly allowance.

Of this truth the Magistracy of the Eorough of St. Ives, in Cornwall, were so well convinced, that they have erected a building from a plan of mine, containing sixteen dwellings for their impotent poor; besides a very commodious apartment for a parish officer to inhabit, whose business it is to inspect the conduct of the paupers, and to see that the whole building be kept in clean and decent order; the plan of this building I shall give in the fourth plate, with a full description of the same.

The stone of Cornwall, with which they build, is either a kind of granite called the moor stone; or a very hard stone, called the iron stone; both so hard as with the greatest difficulty to be wrought into shape, and therefore with it they cannot build walls less than two feet thick; both these kinds of stone, as is the case with all hard stone, give, or are wet in moist weather; and therefore makes all habitations built with them unwholesome; on this consideration I recommended lining the walls with brick, and to build all the thin

partitions with the fame materials; and though bricks were fo dear at this place, that to use them would increase the expence of the building full ten per cent. yet the committee, a striking instance of their humanity, adopted my recommendation, declaring "they would build habitations for their poor, such as "were sit for human creatures to dwell in, and rescue them from the miserable huts "they were at present obliged to put up with." The expence of this building, agreeable to contract, was sive hundred and sifty pounds.

PLATE II.

In this plate the length of the cottages is increased to fixteen seet, the advantage of which is apparent from inspection. In numbers 1 and 2, the east and west ends are gable ends, and the chimney is placed in the east end of each; although in number 1, it is a matter of indifference whether it be in the east or west end; this number also varies from the same number in the first plate, by having the addition of the pantry, C, and of the conveniency, D. Number 3, is two of the cottages joined together.

PLATE III.

Number 1. is the plan and elevation of four adjoining cottages; each two, has a common internal porch, A. and I suppose a small garden or outlet behind each; a row of such cottages is what I recommended in the description of the first plate, to be built in most

parishes, particularly in the manufacturing countries, for the accommodation of the industrious poor, at a low rent. I must here observe, that wherever rows of cottages are to be built, be it in town or country, care must be taken to have proper covered drains or sewers to carry off the soil and filth; there being nothing so offensive, not only to the public in general, but to the inhabitants themselves, as that too common and almost universal practice of throwing all the dirt and filth into the street, or highway before the doors of the houses.

Number 2. is a row of dwellings, for the parochial impotent poor. Here A is a common internal porch to the rooms D and B. The room D is for the dwelling of a pauper, that is not so feeble, but can take care of him or herself; and the dwelling B, for a pauper that is able to take care of a more impotent one, that might be lodged for that purpose by the parish officers in the adjoining room C. Such an apartment as this would be very proper for a widow, with one or two children of her own, who might be entrusted by the parish with two or three orphan poor children, to breed them up, till they were of an age, proper to be bound apprentices. For these cottages there is no occasion for the shed behind to serve for pantries, fufficient for that purpose are the shelves on each side the chimnies. And as for the necessaries, they are placed at each end at E, in a fmall enclosure without a roof; nor will a garden or outlet be at all necessary.

PLATE IV.

Figure 1. is the ground plan, and figure 2, the upper floor of the building now erected at St. Ives, for the accommodation of the impotent poor of that Borough; it is fituate at the fouth west corner of the town, at the foot of a hill that rises pretty quick to the southward, it is bounded on the west by a house and garden belonging to a person of the town, and on the south and east with ground belonging to Mr. Stephens, of Tregenna.

When I first took a plan of the ground, the south west corner, C, the north west D, and the north east F, stood as they do at present; but the south east corner was at H, which made the spot of ground very awkward; on application to Mr. Stephens, he generously gave so much ground as not only to make the east front E F, parallel to the west front C D, and the south front C E square with, or at right angles to both, but also ground sufficient to make the area to the south.

The building confifts of eight rooms, of twelve feet square on the ground floor, with the same number of equal dimensions on the upper floor; together with the apartment marked A, and the chamber B over it, for the habitation of a proper officer to superintend the paupers. G G, are two conveniencies, one for the men, and the other for the women. About fixty yards up the hill, towards the south, rises a large spring of very sine water, the property of Mr. Stephens, who will permit the parish to convey in pipes, as much

water from it, into a refervoir, or bason, in the middle of the court, as will abundantly supply the building. The east front abutting on building ground, I could not enlighten any of the rooms from that point. The four stair eases communicate each of them to sour rooms; the level of the court, is about two feet and a half above the road that leads from

St. Ives to Penzance, and the floor of the lower rooms is fixteen inches above the level of the court; the flairs are of moor flone, and the landing place I, I, I, I, in the upper floor, are all of the fame materials; but the floors of the upper chambers are of deal, one inch and a half thick, grooved and tongued.

CLASS THE SECOND,

CONTAINING

PLANS OF COTTAGES WISISTING OF TWO ROOMS.

This class of cottages will admit of two different modes of distribution, that is, both the rooms may be on the ground floor, or may be placed the one above the other; of each mode in order.

PLATE V.

Number 1. This cottage is twenty-one feet long in the clear, of which space the room, B, occupies twelve feet and six inches; and the bed room, C, eight feet; the entrance is skreened with a porch, A; and behind is the shed, D.

Number 2. is twenty five feet long in the clear, the room, B, and the bed room, C, are each ten feet wide; the porch A being on the infide, makes a very convenient recess E for a bed, which in this sample is thrown open to

the bed room C, the most proper situation for a bed for small children; and behind is the shed, D, for a pantry.

Number 3. This cottage is twenty-nine feet long in the clear, the rooms B, and C, are both twelve feet square; the internal porch, A, occasions the recess, E, as in number 2, but in this sample the recess is thrown into the room, B, instead of the bed room, C, for the sleeping place of an adult; the shed, D, is here likewise added.

Number 4. This is also twenty-nine feet long, but the rooms B and C, being only ten feet wide, makes the bed place, D, larger than in the preceding plans, and it must have a window, and of consequence the shed behind cannot extend the whole length of the

building, but must be in two parts, as E for a pantry, and F to contain the privy and a store place for the suel; the roofs of these sheds may be hipped.

PLATE VI.

Number 1. Represents a double cottage of this second class; I have chosen to adjoin two of the first number in the last plate a little enlarged, in order to give room for a bed in the room, A, and to shew in the front how the porch, instead of being placed on the plinth, as in the sample aforementioned, may stand on the ground, and the ascent into the cottage to be by steps in the thickness of the wall. It is very easy to imagine the effect of a double cottage of either of the three other examples. But a better method of building two cottages of this class is as,

Number 2. Where I have made an internal porch, as a common entrance to both cottages; this porch causes a very convenient recess, B, for a bed, as in numbers 2 and 3, in the last plate.

These are all the varieties of disposition that cottages consisting of two rooms both on the ground floor, will admit of.

PLATE VII.

Number 1. is nothing more than number 2, in the first plate, with the addition of an upper floor, and of the stairs; as the situation of the chimney and doors will not admit of a place for a bed in the lower room, this cottage will suit only an artisicer, with a wife,

or a wife and small child, who can afford to give a little more rent than the inhabitants of the preceding cottages, such as masons, bricklayers, thatchers, plaisterers, and many others who earn fifteen to twenty shillings per week; it will also suit many artificers in several branches of the manufactories, who are obliged to do their work at home; and it will be very proper for a turnpike house, or for a gatekeeper to any Gentleman's park.

Number 2. By placing the chimney as in this example, a bed may be very conveniently placed in the lower room, which will render this cottage commodious to a much larger family than could possibly inhabit the preceding one.

PLATE VIII.

Here are two cottages adjoining of the example of No. 2, in the last plate, but attended with the small inconvenience of leaving the pantry, B, less than in the single one, but this is remedied by lengthening the cottage only three feet six inches, so as to have the stairs on the inside, as in

PLATE IX.

Thus by placing the stairs on the inside we not only gain the advantage of having a large pantry, A, to the North, but of increasing the entrance porch, B. On visiting the hospital at Froxsield, in Wiltshire, some time after the engraver had sent me a proof of this plate, I was both surprised and pleased to find the apartments of that structure to vary but

a little from this design, the difference was in having the rooms thirteen seet wide instead of twelve, the external door from the court, a, C, having the partition that divides the stairs from the room, D, inclining, as represented by the dotted line a, b, so as to give room for the opening of the outward door, and by the omission of the pantry behind.

PLATE X.

Although the plan of the cottage in the foregoing plate is very proper for the country, where there is plenty of ground, yet in towns and villages, where that may not be the case, it is but increasing the length of the building eighteen inches, and it will make an internal porch, and give room for the stairs in a different form, and though there will not be convenient room for a bed below, yet this inconvenience is greatly compensated by the recess, A, in the chamber above; indeed by letting the stairs begin to rife from the porch, A, on the ground floor, there may be room for a bed below, as in the foregoing plan, but this is only admissible in country villages, but not in large towns or cities, for reasons I shall give in describing the following plates; a number of these cottages built in villages would be of great fervice, and though to private persons they probably may not answer in regard to interest of money, yet if built at a parochial expence they would answer the

purpose of accommodating the industrious labourer with a family at a small and easy rent.

PLATE XI.

Here I join four cottages together, and it is an easy matter to imagine a continuation of them to any number; these are proper for large towns or cities, in two of these plans the stairs from the lower room, A, begin to rise at D, and will land at the chamber, C, above, which causes the door, E, to be near the head of the bed; but in the other two the stairs from the room, B, begin to rise at F, which land at G, in the chamber, D, above, whereby the bed will be better screened, but the builder may take his choice of either method. If these cottages are built in large towns or cities, by all means avoid letting the stairs begin to rife from the porch so as to make room for a bed below, in order to prevent any avaricious inhabitant taking an inmate; an inconvenience felt by most parishes, though I must own there should be some care taken to provide for fingle persons wanting lodgings; but more of this in describing the cottages of the third and fourth class. In these dwellings, if it can be done, let there be an outlet or small garden to admit of the pantry, C, the wash place, B, the conveniency, P, which will keep the whole fweet and wholefome.

CLASS THE THIRD,

CONTAINING

PLANS OF COTTAGES CONSISTING OF THREE ROOMS.

This class of cottages will admit of four different modes of distribution, 1st. All the rooms on the ground floor;—2dly. Two rooms below, and one above;—3dly. One room below, and two above;—4thly. The three rooms one above the other. The first mode of distribution will admit of no less than eleven variations.

PLATE XII.

This plate contains two varieties of the first mode of distribution.

Number 1. is thirty feet long in the clear, of which the two rooms, D and G, take ten feet each, and the room, F, nine feet. The entrance to this cottage is on the north fide at the porch, A, on one fide of which is the ftore place, B, and on the other fide the pantry, E; from the porch, A, you afcend into the paffage, C, by two fteps in the thickness of the wall.

Number 2. is thirty-four feet fix inches long in the clear, of which the central room, B, takes twelve feet; the room, F, nine feet; the room, G, ten feet nine inches, and the remaining space is occupied by the wall and

partition. The entrance is on the east by the passage, A; the floor of the pantry, C, is level with the floor of the room, B, and this pantry may be made of any width you please. The roof is hipped into the roof of the main building, as shewn in the north front, D is the flore place.

PLATE XIII.

This plate also contains two other varieties of the first mode of distribution. The entrance of Number 1. is from the south into the internal porch, A, which communicates to the rooms, B and C, each ten feet wide; from B, is the door not only into the pantry, E, but into the sleeping room, D, which projects about three feet and six inches northwards, and its roof hipped into the roof of the main building, as shewn in the north front. This room is supposed to be a bed place for an adult, and the closet, F, is adjoining to it.

Into Number 2. you likewise enter from the south, A is an internal porch of a larger dimension than any of the preceding, and communicates to the bed room, D, and into the room, B; a, is a recess for shelves. The room, D, is ten feet wide, and the room, C, is of the same dimension; E is the pantry, and F the store place, in the corner of which is intended a slew to go into the main stack.

PLATE XIV.

Of the same mode of distribution here are two more varieties.

The room, B, in Number 1. is fourteen feet and a half long, and the entrance fcreened by the porch, A; in the corner is a place for a bed. The bed room, C, is ten feet wide, and the room, D, eight feet; this room is placed behind, and lighted from the north, in order to ferve for a work-shop, as well as a bed room, there being many branches, not only of the woollen, leather, cotton, and Manchester manufactories, as well as several others, in which the workmen perform their work at home, and require a strong and steady north light. Should this cottage be intended for a weaver, the back room must be extended more to the northward.

Number 2. differs from the former, in having the porch, A, on the infide; this reduces the room, B, to ten feet wide, and forms the recefs, d, for a bed, which may be either thrown to the room, C, as in this plate, or to the room, B, as in Number 3 of the fifth plate. In both plans, E is the pantry, and F the ftore place.

PALTE XV.

Number 1 and 2 of this plate cannot be so properly called varieties, as improvements on the two examples in the last plate, viz. by enlarging the room, D, putting a fire place in it, and altering the situation of the chimney in the bed room, C, by placing it surther from the bed. In the north front, instead of hipping the roof of the projecting room, it is carried up as a gable end. Number 3 is but a similar improvement of Number 2 in the thirteenth plate, the south front of which is the same with this; and the south front of the two in the last plate, are the same with the corresponding ones in this plate.

PLATE XVI.

Number 1. is two of the cottages given in Number 1, Plate 13, and joined together. I have only increased the width of the bed place, D, and made the entrance into it from the room, C, as I suppose it to be the bed place of girls or of children who should be more immediately under the care of the mother; o, shews where a flew may be placed to be drawn into the stack.

Number 2. is a plan for two adjoining cottages on an entirely different construction from the foregoing, and I think more convenient. On this plan a regularity of Front can be preserved, which cannot be done in a single cottage. Here is an internal porch, A, that communicates to the chamber, D, and to the room, B, and makes the useful recess, d. From B, you go into the chamber, C; the pantry, E, is constructed as in No. 2, Plate 12, except in the recess, g, where may be placed a flew.

PLATE XVII.

Number 1. is the only example I can give of this third class of cottages, according to the second mode of distribution, that is, with two rooms below and one above, and it needs no further description, than that the entrance is at the side at A, which leads to the room, B, adjoining to which is the chamber, D, and over B, is the chamber, E. C is the pantry.

Number 2. This is also the only example of the third class of cottages according to the third mode of distribution, but I am of opinion would prove the most useful dwelling of any, as it admits conveniently of room for three beds. This cottage I make fixteen and a half feet long in the clear; A is the entrance porch, C the pantry, and B the dwelling room; the stairs are fix feet ten inches by fix feet, and being placed directly in the middle of the back Front, gives fufficient room to get up to the upper or chamber floor, and by making a step in the thickness of the wall above, there will be fufficient head room for the stairs to be covered with a skeeling roof. The upper floor is divided into two rooms by a boarded partition. In the execution of this cottage and in the following ones of two rooms in the upper floor, and where the stairs are placed in the outfide-and are intended to be covered with a skeeling or shed roof, great care must be taken to observe the dimension of fix feet ten inches by fix feet, not only to give head room for the stairs, but to make a pier between the doors that lead

I here propose to have the stairs covered with a shed roof, I cannot but recommend the carrying of the walls of the stairs to the level of the walls of the cottage, and then hipping the roof into that of the cottage; in this case there will be no occasion for the step in the thickness of the wall, but the wall may be thinned as in No. 2. Plate 13. or as expressed by Fig. 3. in the miscellaneous Plate, still the stairs must be fix feet ten inches by fix feet; but you must begin with a winder, and land above in the same manner.

PLATE XVIII.

In this plate two of the foregoing cottages are joined together, in which case the pantries C C, will be on each side of the stairs.

PLATE XIX.

In this example of the two adjoining cottages of the third class, I omit the shed at each end, and make the cottage nineteen feet long, instead of sixteen and a half in the clear; here then will be an internal porch, A, which admits of a recess for a bed in the lower room, which will render the upper chambers larger; c the wash place, m the slew, d the pantry. It will be most convenient to make that which has the sire place in it, larger than the other, for many obvious reasons, as shewn in the plan. Care must be taken to place the middle of the stairs to answer exactly with the partition above, to give room for the doors

into the chambers, and the pier between them.

PLATE XX.

An example of a fingle cottage according to the fourth mode of distribution, would be preposterous in the elevation, so that I only give an example of two such cottages adjoining each other, suited for the country. The plan explains itself, only I must observe that in the upper floor there are no fire places, nor are they wanted. The breaks in the party wall are to receive the slews of the chimneys below, in order to bring them regularly out above the roof.

PLATE XXI.

In cities and large towns I cannot but think that a row of fuch dwellings as are deferibed in this plate, would be of great fervice, if built at a parochial expence, to accommodate fuch of their labouring workmen who are parishioners, and can afford to give a moderate, though not an extravagant or large rent for their habitations. The entrance is by an internal porch, A, five feet nine inches deep by fix feet wide; the stairs, which are fix feet square, communicate distinctly to both the upper chambers, in which the recesses over the porch afford good room for a child's bed.

It is very apparent that the approach to the stairs may be from the porch, A, instead of being from the room, B, in which case this building would become three distinct habitations; a circumstance to be avoided, in order to prevent an avaricious tenant taking in inmates, and thereby defeat the end of accommodating an industrious workman.

CLASS THE FOURTH,

CONTAINING

PLANS OF COTTAGES CONSISTING OF FOUR ROOMS.

WE are now come to the largest size cottages; there are only two methods of placing the rooms of this class, and that is either, first, all the rooms on the ground floor;—or, secondly, two rooms below and two above.

PLATE XXII.

Number 1. is of the first mode of distribution. This cottage is forty-nine feet fix inches in the clear, the bed rooms, B and E, eleven feet each, and the bed room, C, nine feet; the dotted lines in this room shew where a screen or partition may be placed; H the passage to the wash place F, with the slew m, as also to the pantry G, in which a is a recess for a cupboard.

Number 2. is of the same extent in the clear as Number 1. A an internal porch, D the dwelling room; C the bed room of thirteen feet six inches; B a bed room for children or girls, in which they will be under the care of their mother; E a bed chamber sit for an adult; F is the pantry; H the wash place, to which you descend by two steps in the thickness of the wall; o the slew, g a store place.

PLATE XXIII.

This cottage differs from any of the former, in having neither an external nor internal porch. It is thirty-one feet in the clear, where A may be either the dwelling room, or it may more properly be used as a work-shop suitable for some occupations, having an immediate access to it from the street; in the former case F will be the pantry, and in the latter an appendage to the shop; BCD are bed rooms, and E a passage; G a wash place, with the slew o, which may be drawn into the main stack.

PLATE XXIV.

To this cottage is intended a garden behind; it is thirty feet fix inches in the clear; the bed rooms, B and C, are eleven feet fix inches each; the bed room, D, to the north, must be carried up as in plate 15; I a passage which communicates with the pantries F and H, and to the wash place E, and the store place G. The dotted lines shew where a screen or curtain may be placed to divide the dwelling room A, from the passage, to render it warm.

PLATE XXV.

Fach of these cottages are thirty-sour seet in the clear; the bed room, C, ten seet; and the bed room, B, seven seet six inches. F is the pantry, and E the wash place. D is a large bed room, in which one or two Females may lodge, and in that case b will be their conveniency, and a the conveniency for the males.

PLATE XXVI.

This is the second mode of distribution of the fourth class. In Number 1, there is no chimney in the bed room, C, but a pier or break to carry the fire place in the room above. D D is a pantry and wash place, where a a shew the slews. The staircase is placed in the back part, as in Plate 19, and must be carried up in the same manner, to give room for the doors to the bed rooms as well as the pier between them. Number 2, the internal porch A, forms a recess for the staircase, also a lesser one for a cupboard; D the pantry, b the slew. The stairs land above the lobby

or passage, E, which communicates to the bed rooms, L L.

PLATE XXVII.

Is the plan of two adjoining cottages, in which there are not any porches, c being used as the dwelling room or work shop. This plan admits of three bed rooms; the stairs must be carried in the same manner as de-

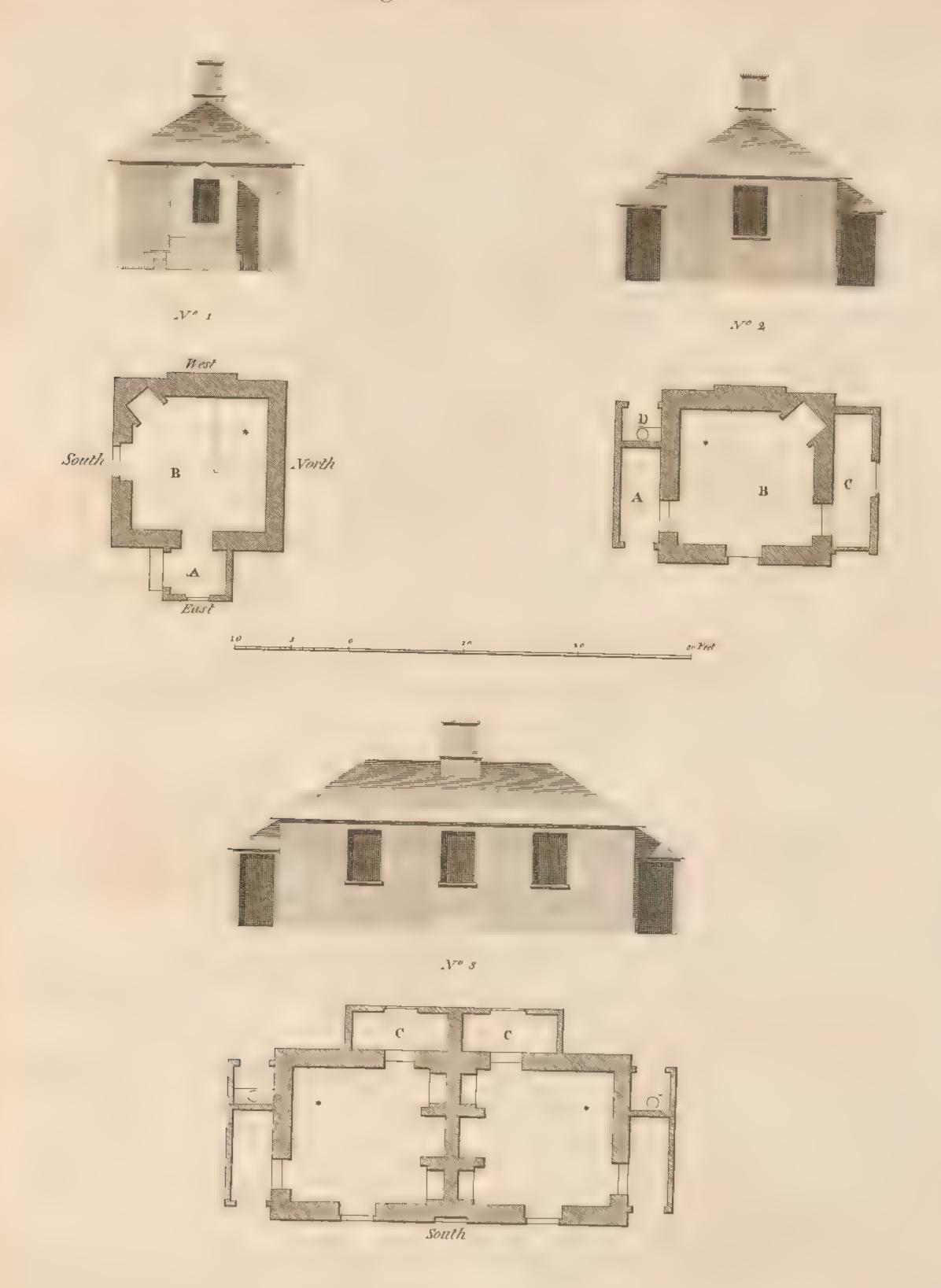
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PLATE XXVIII.

Is the plan of two adjoining cottages, the same as the example of the single cottages, Plate 26, Number 2, with the difference of D being the pantry, and E the wash place.

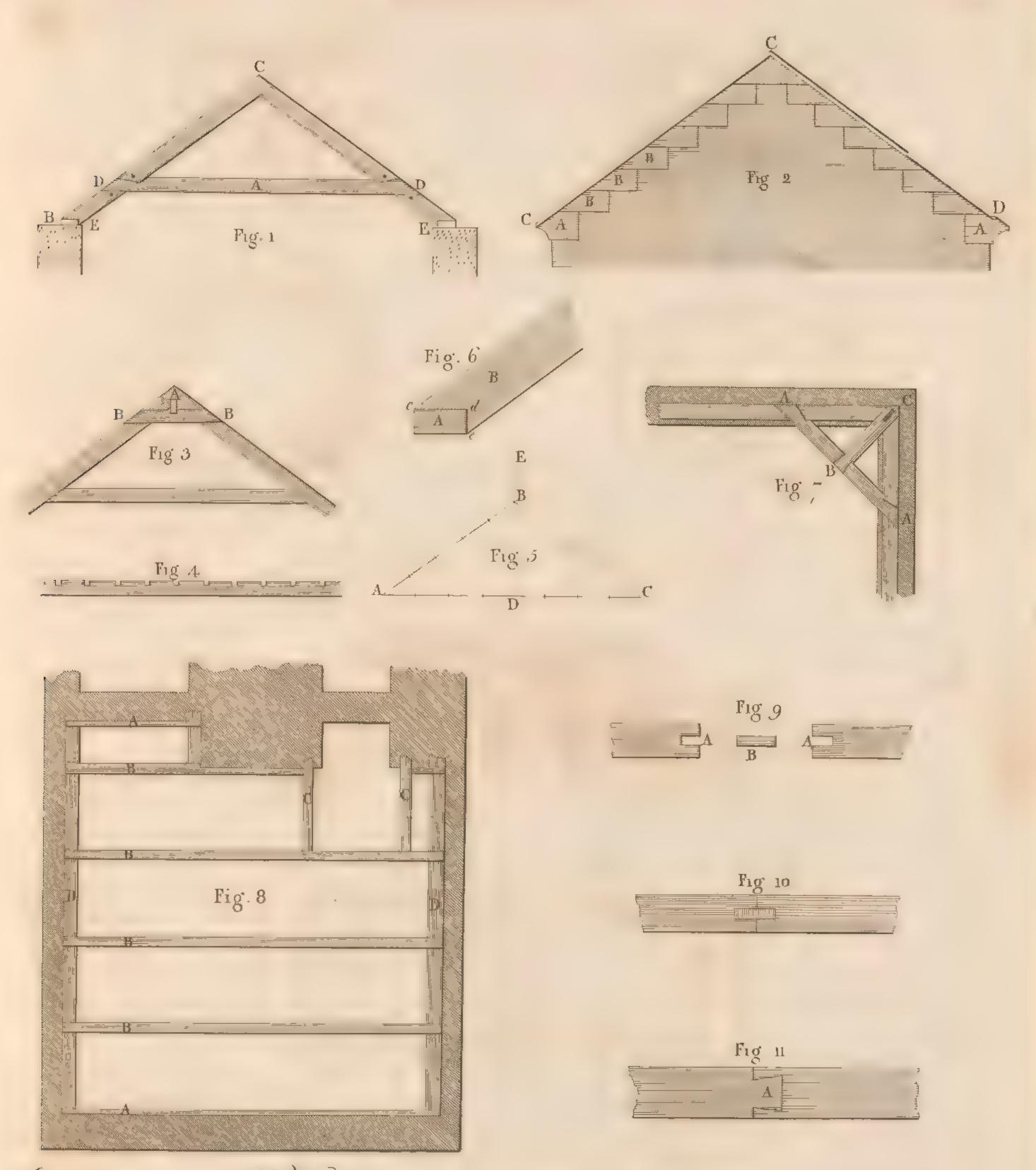
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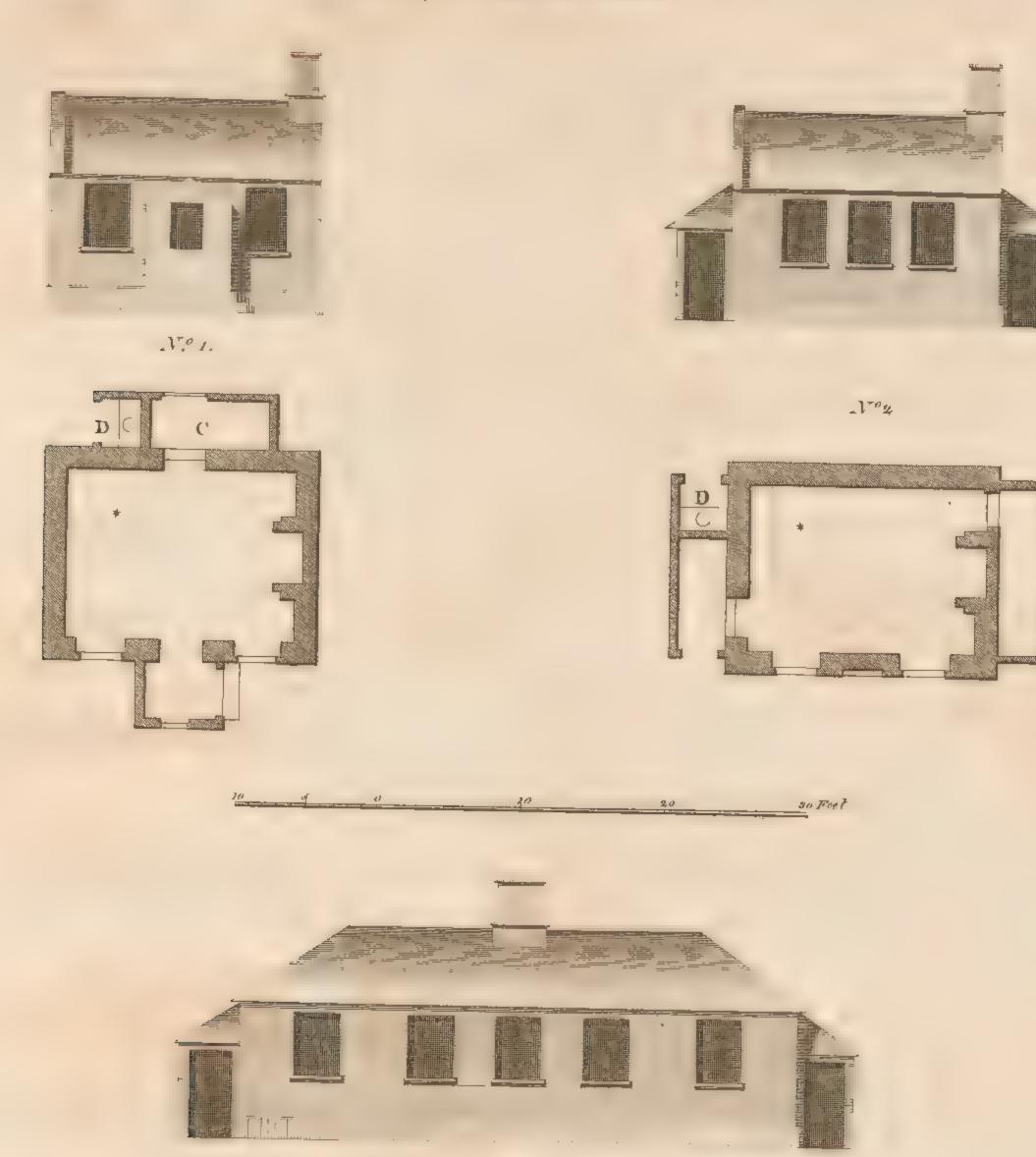
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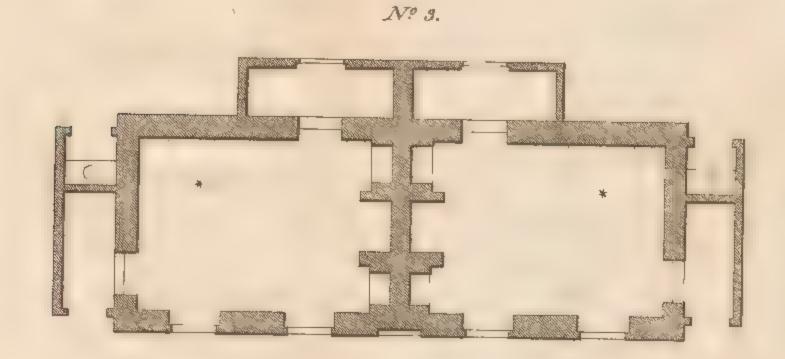




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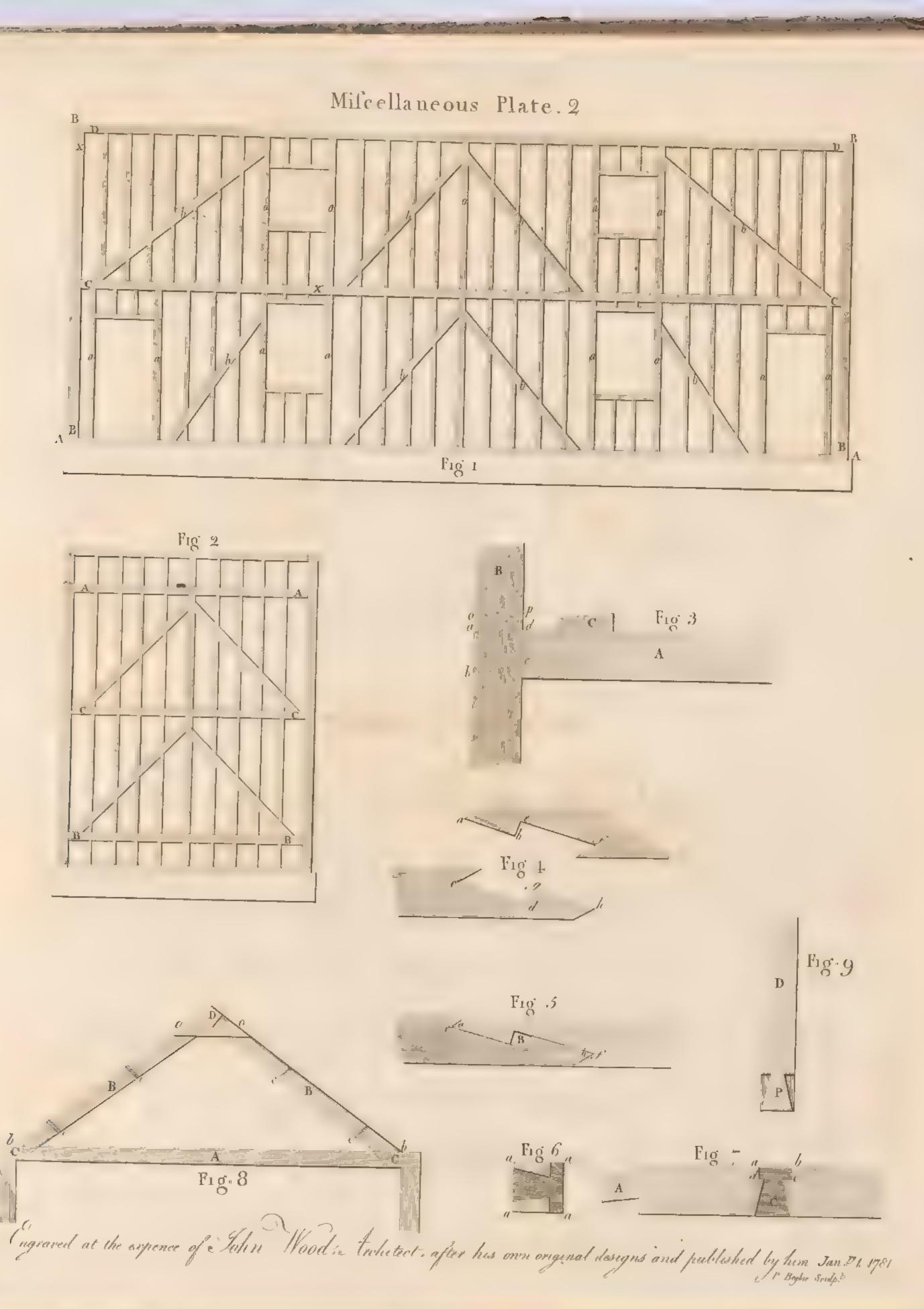




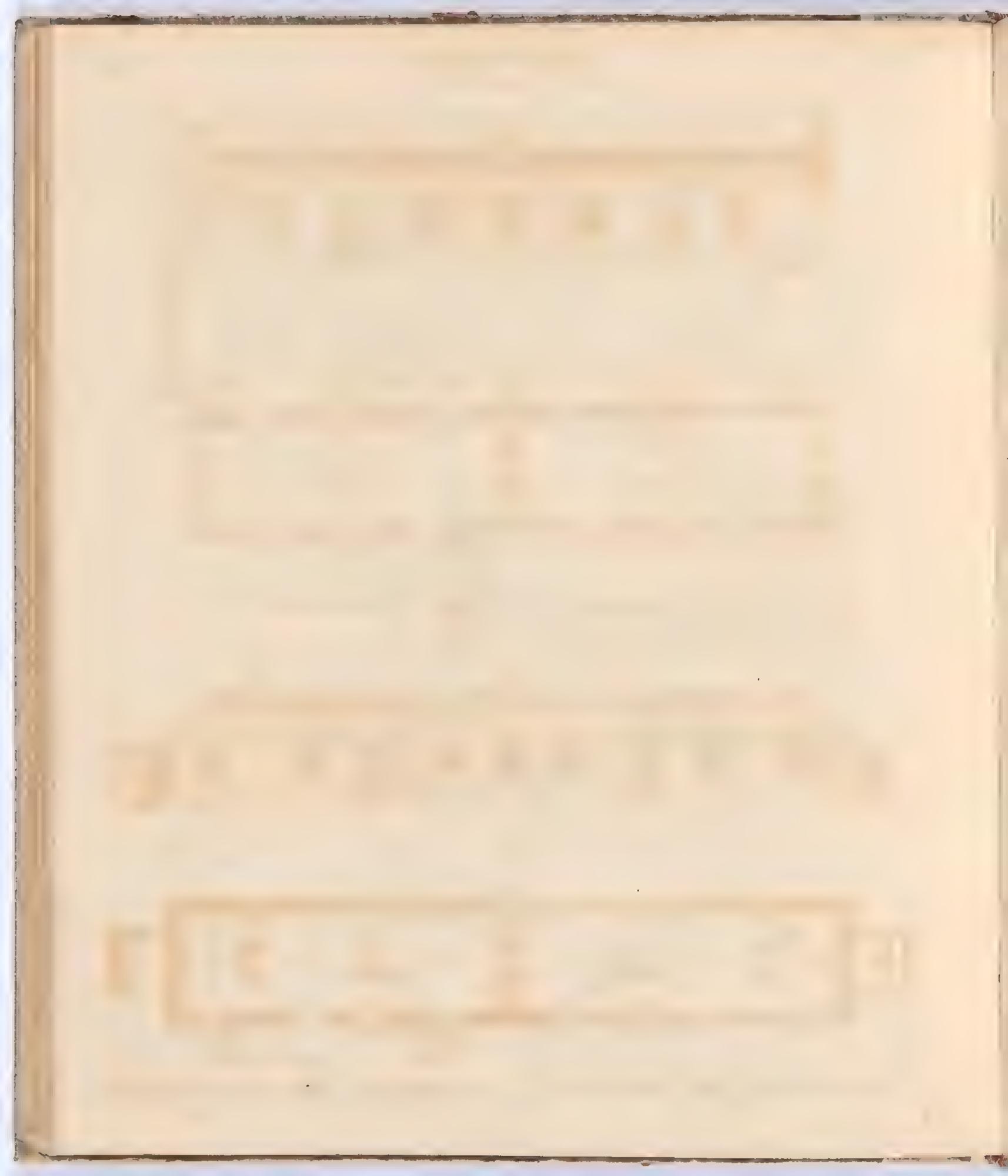
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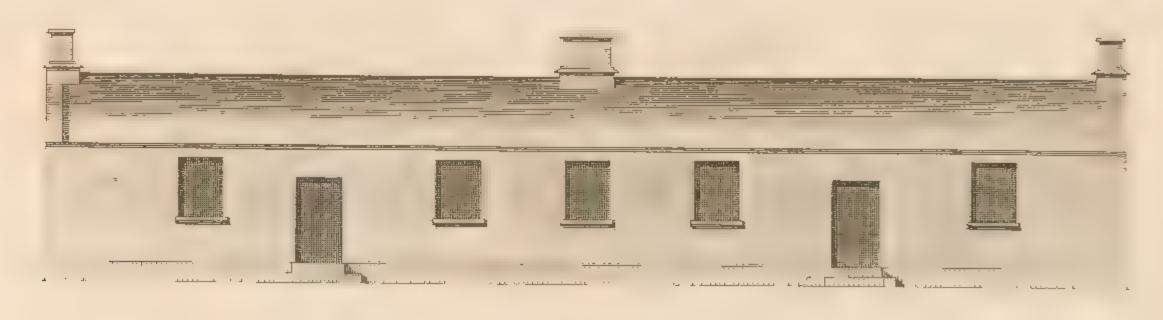




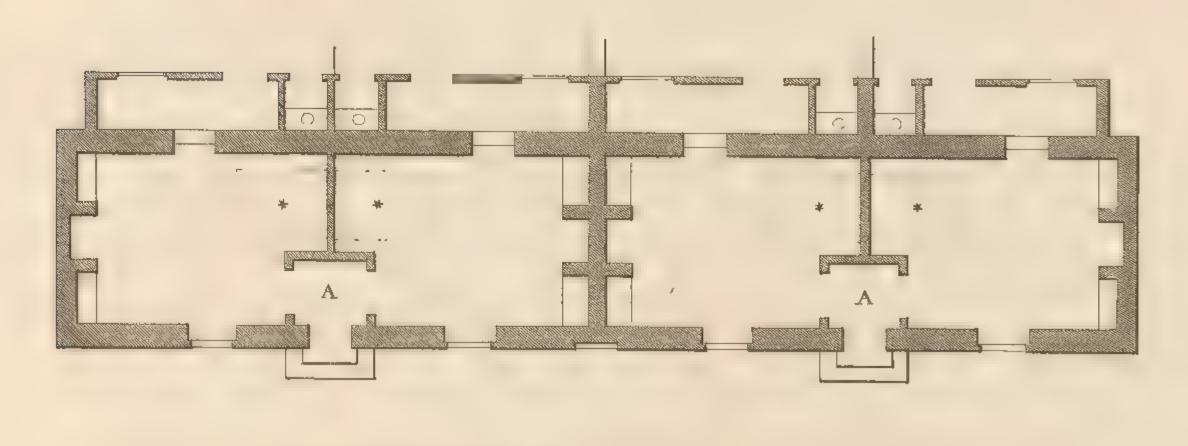
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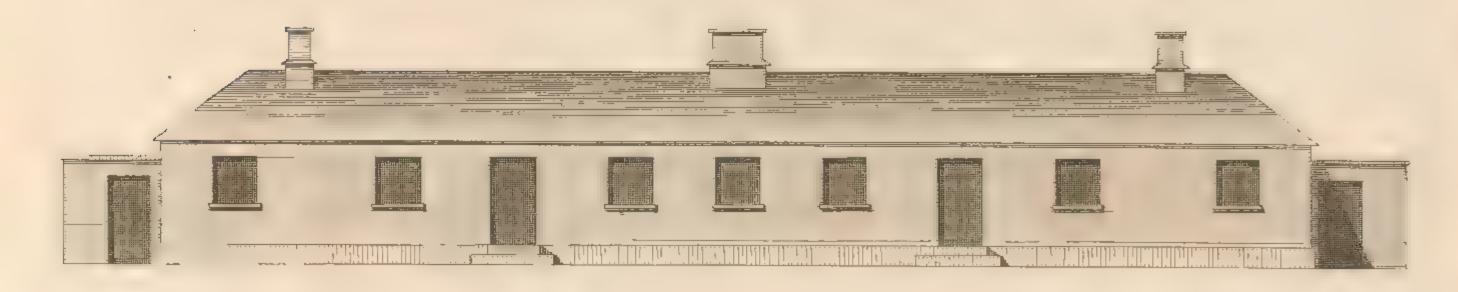


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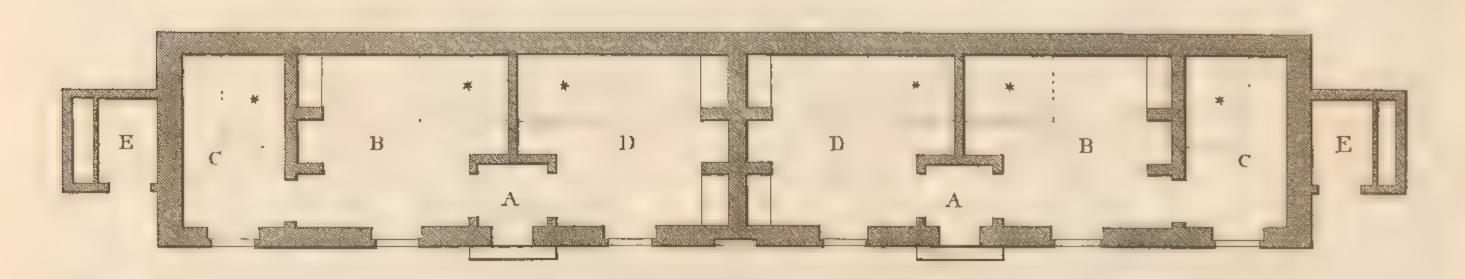


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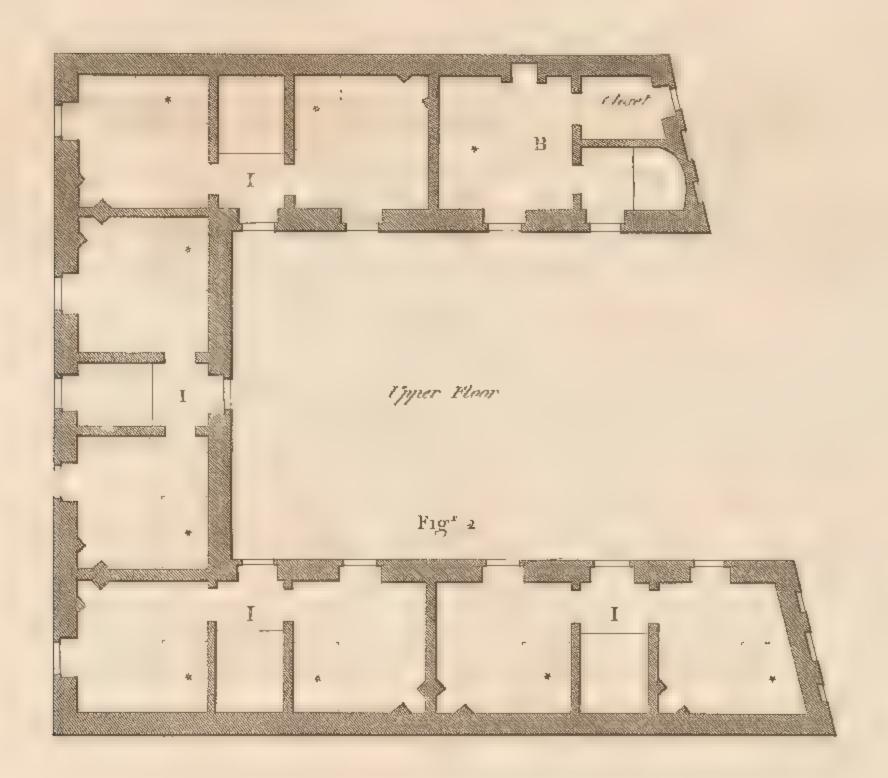


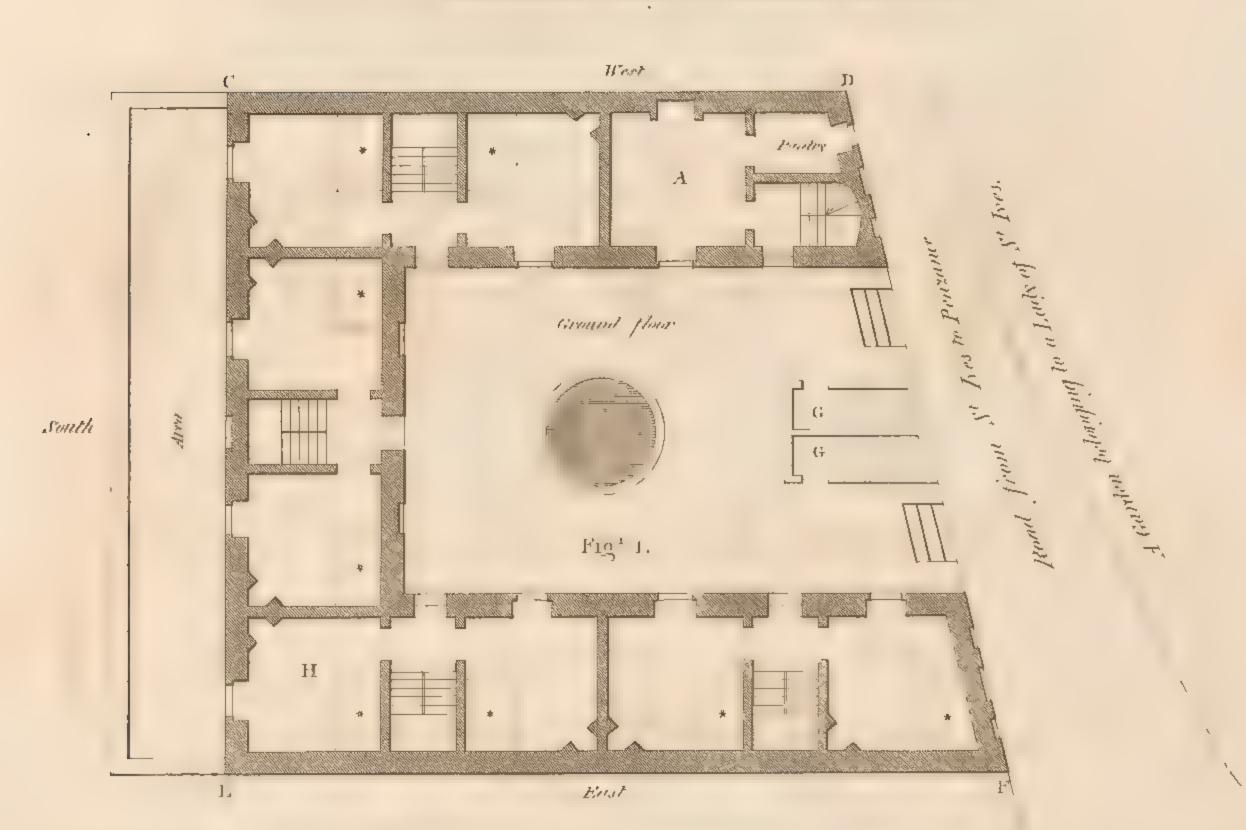
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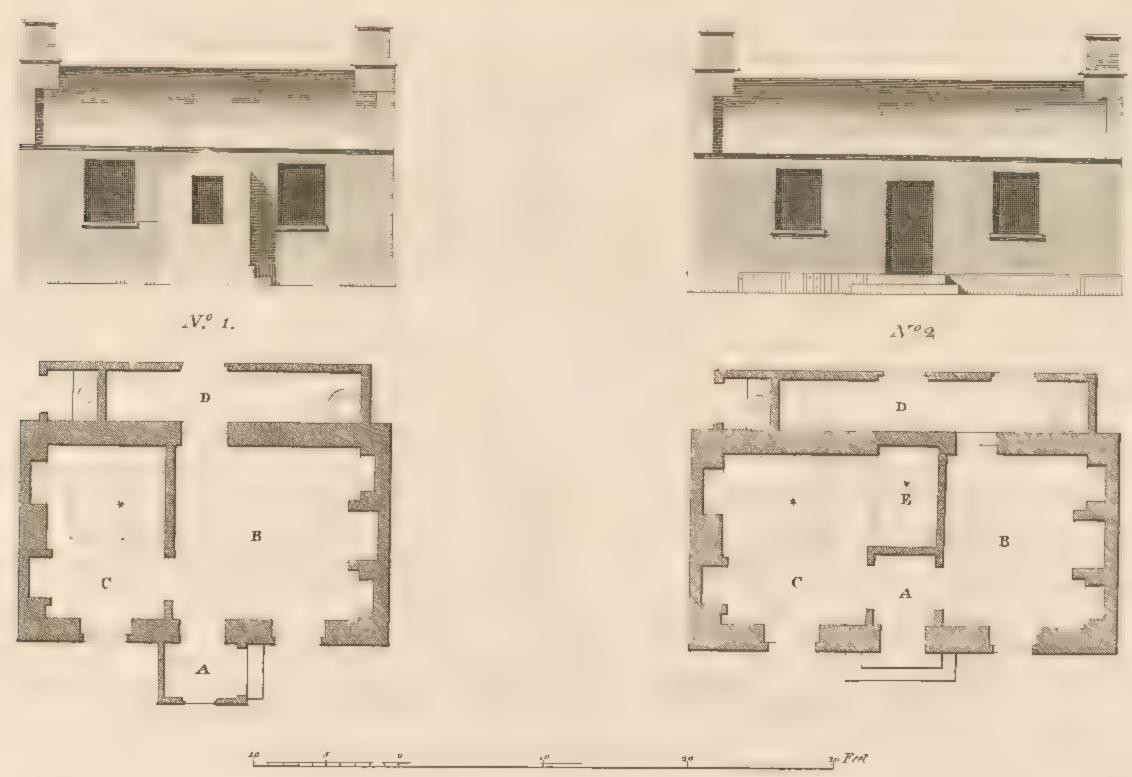






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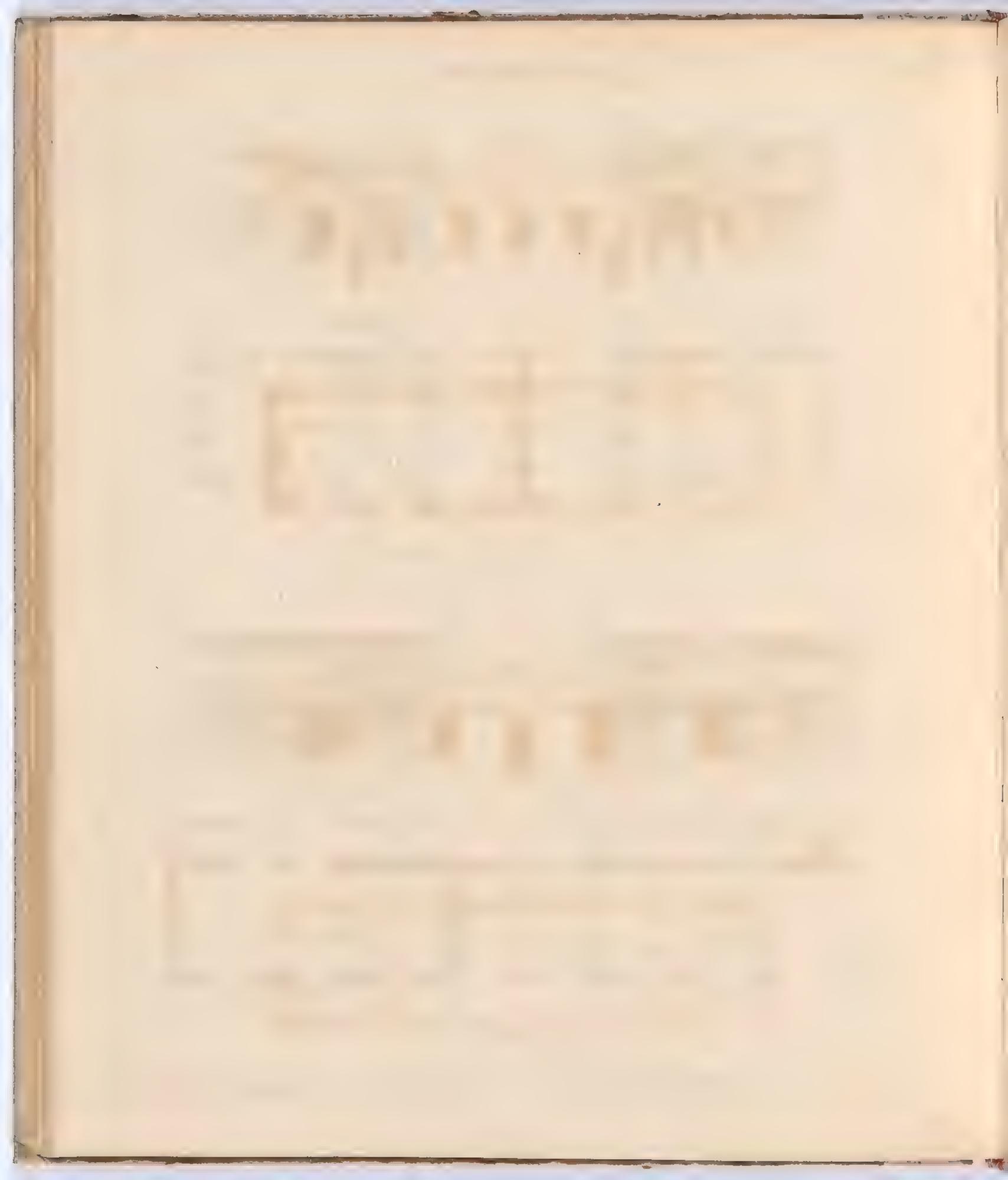


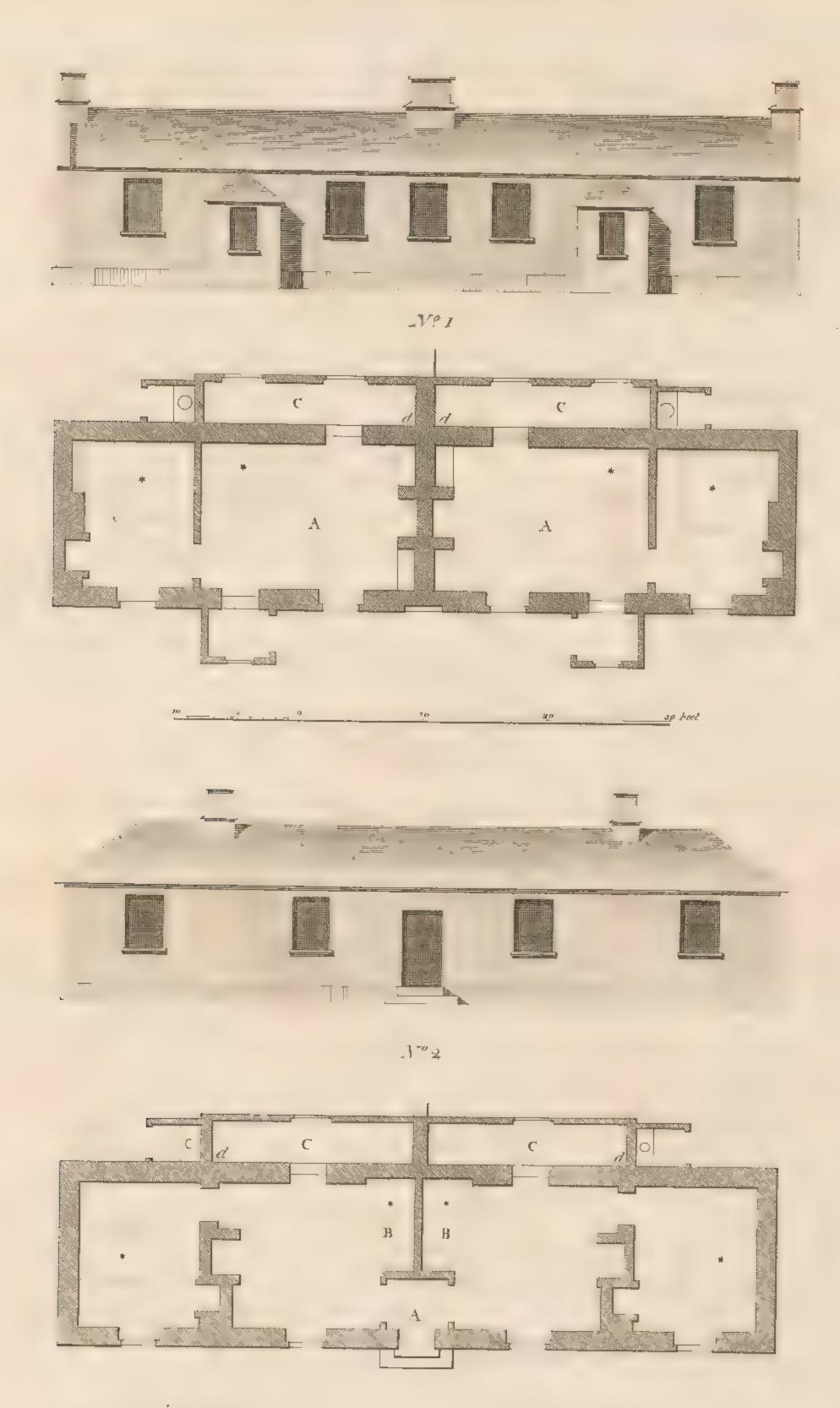




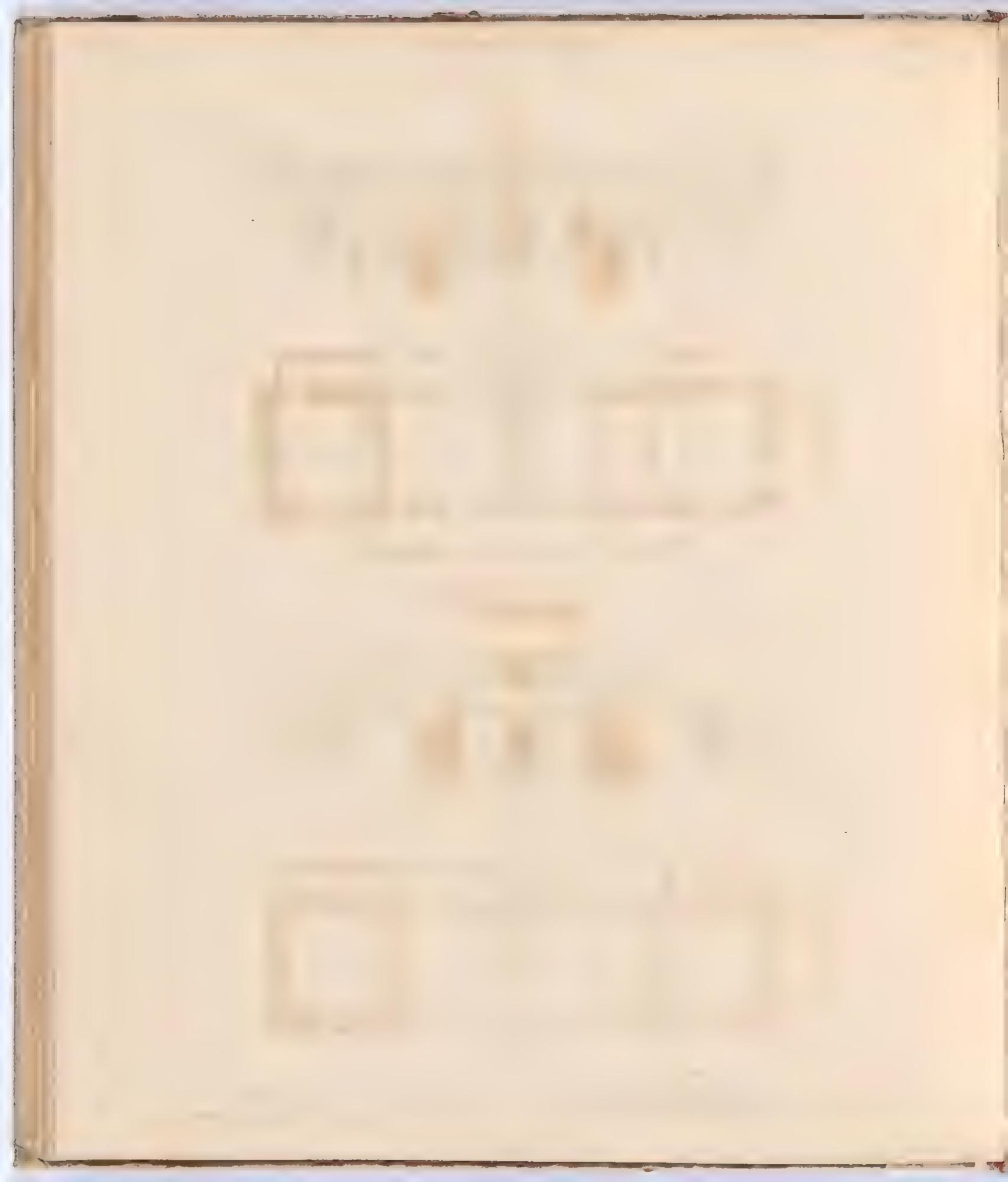
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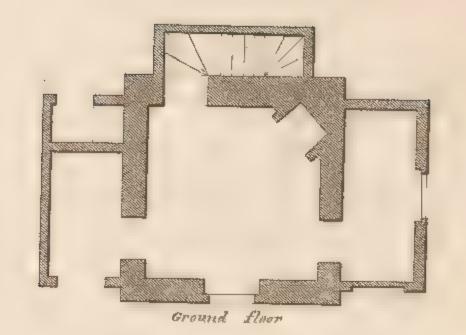




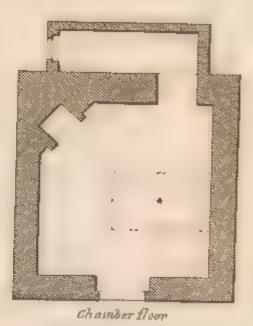
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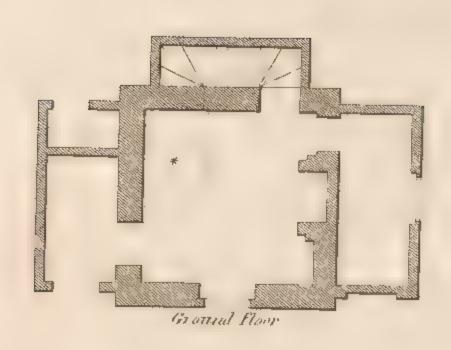


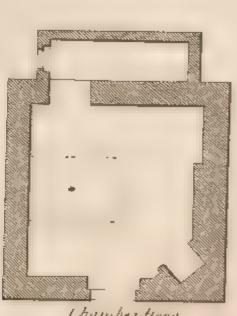


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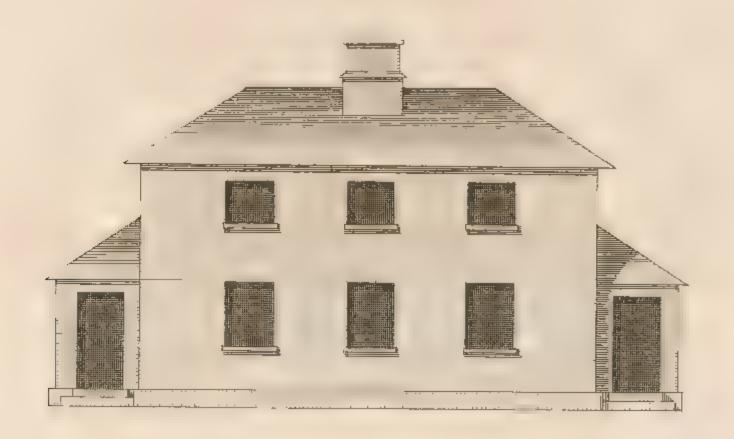


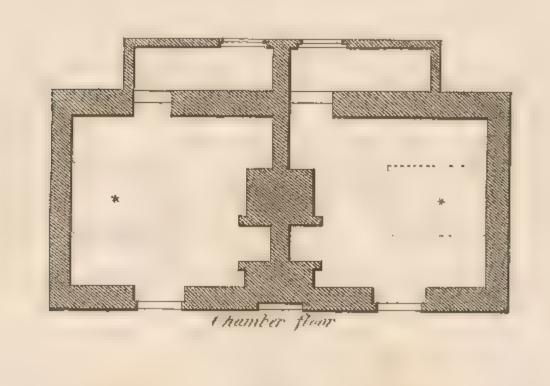


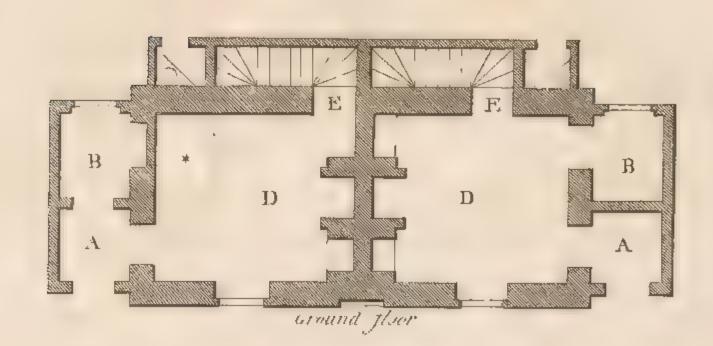


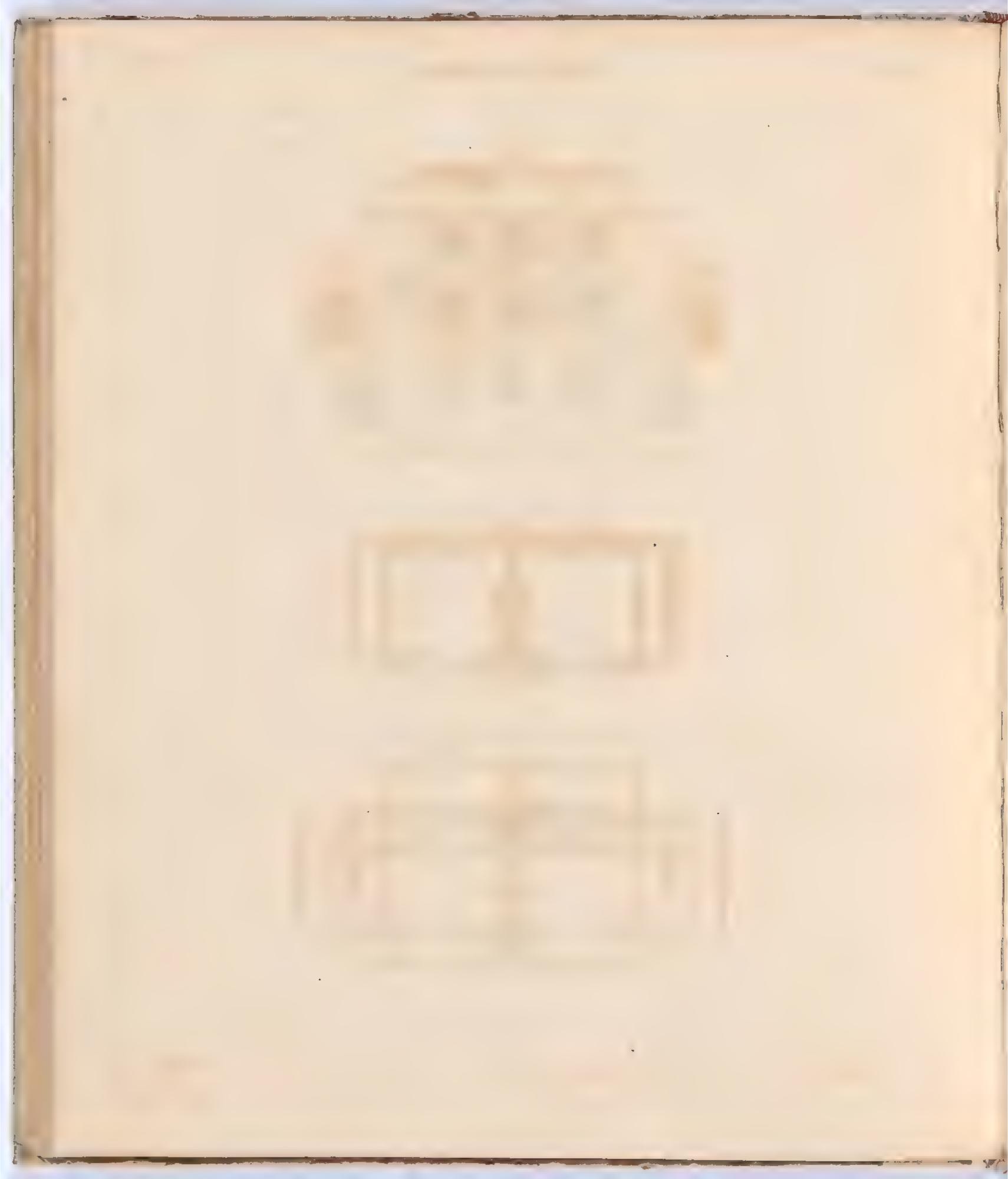
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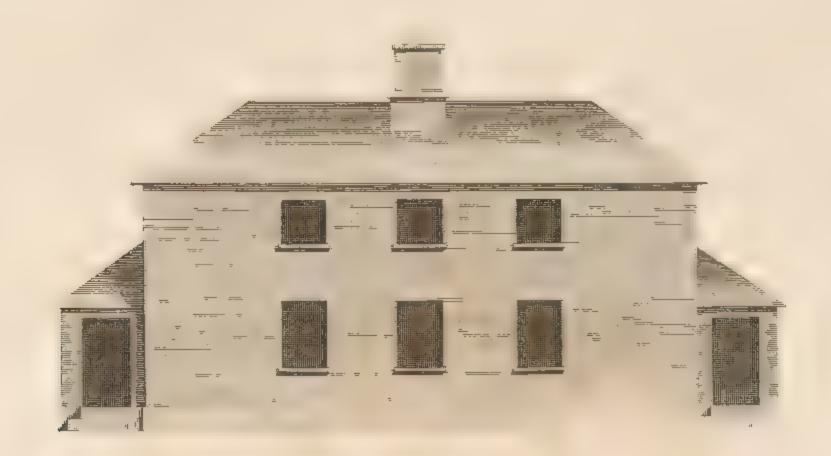




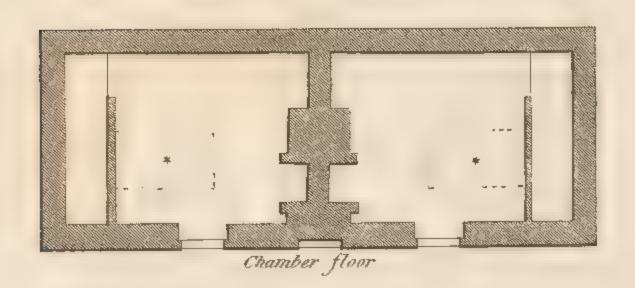


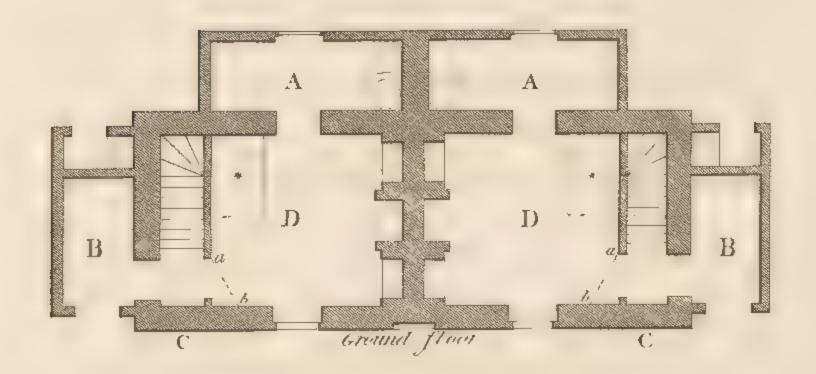




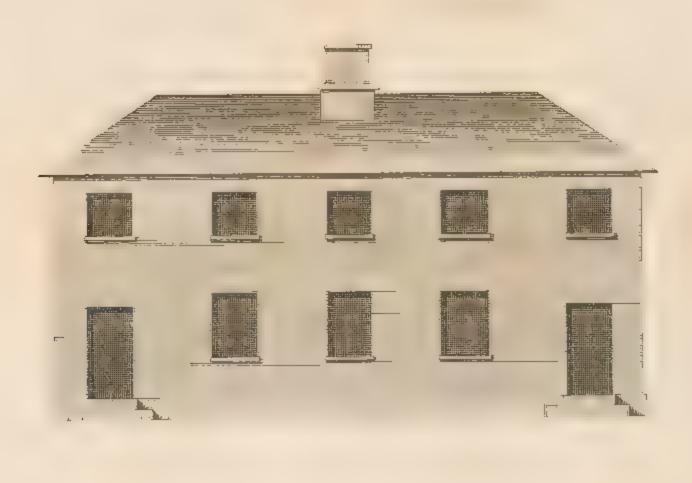


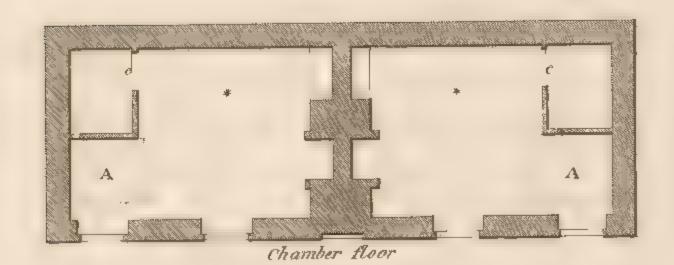


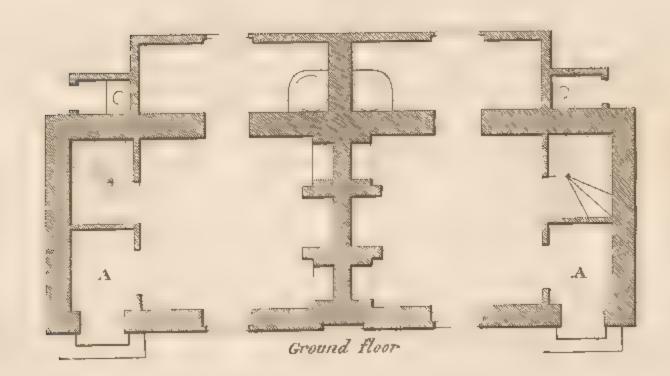






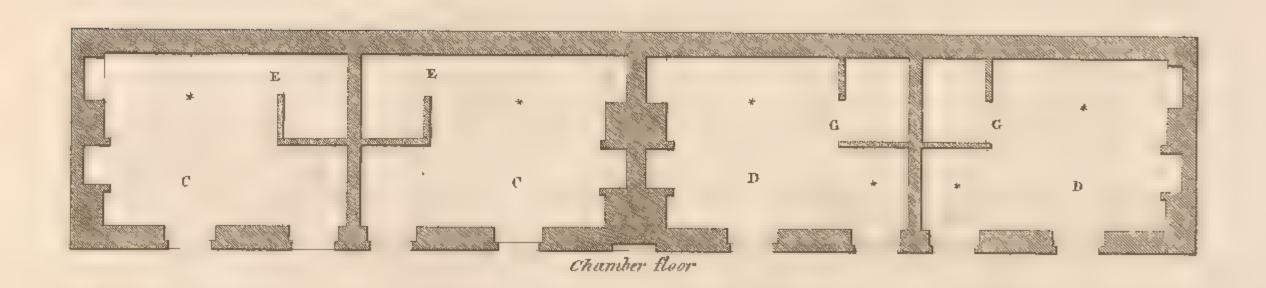


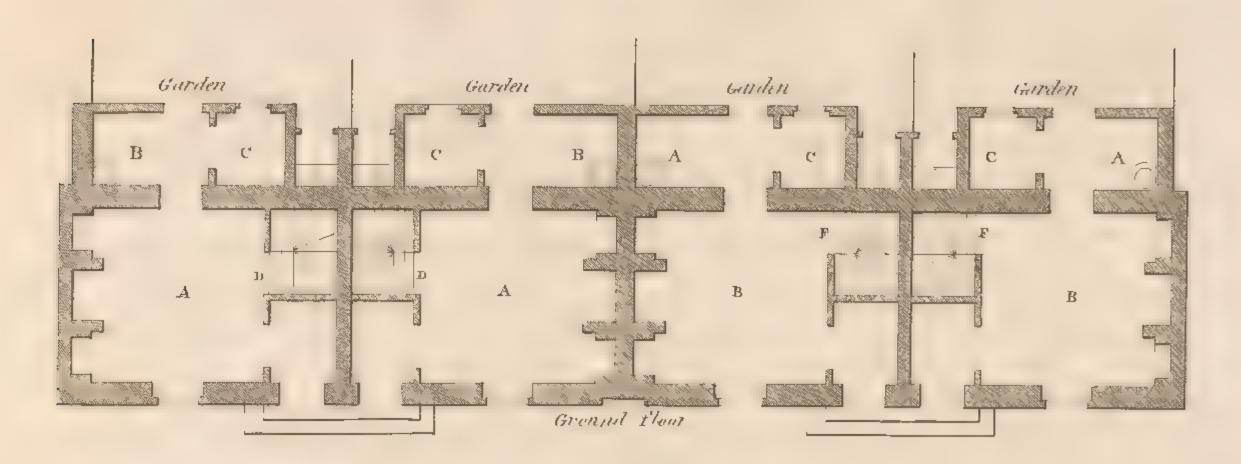




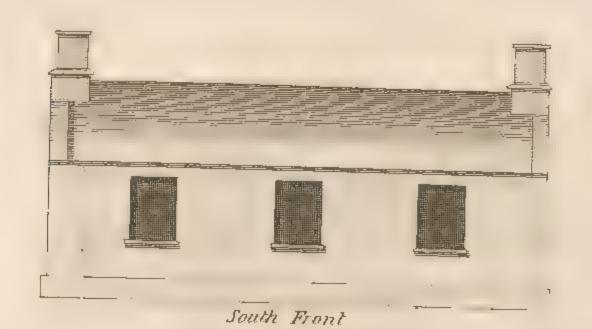


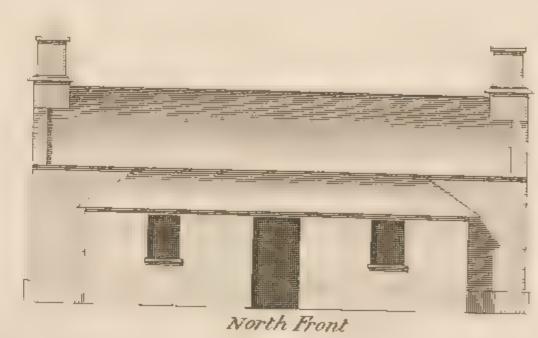


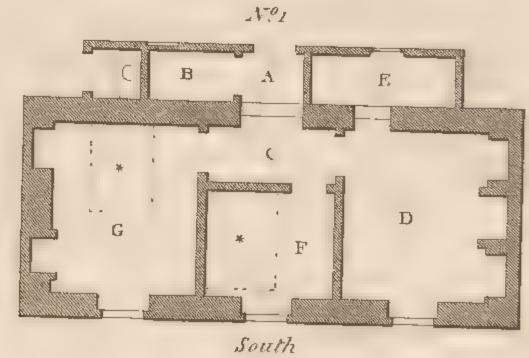




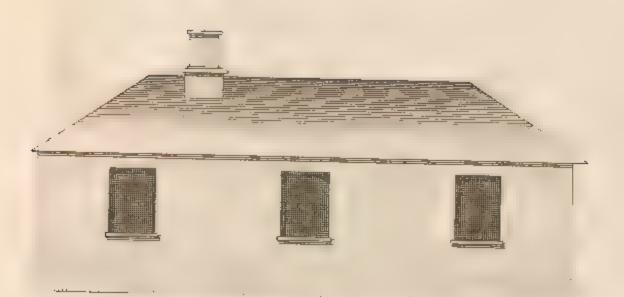








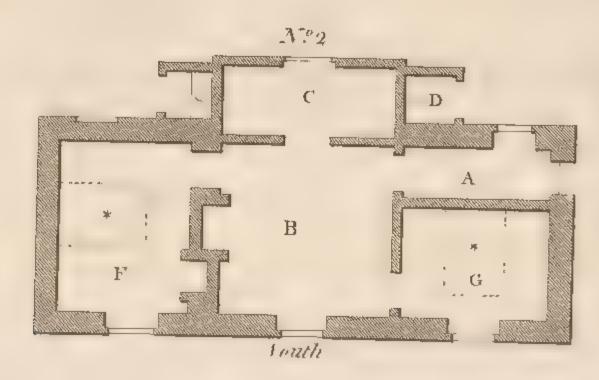




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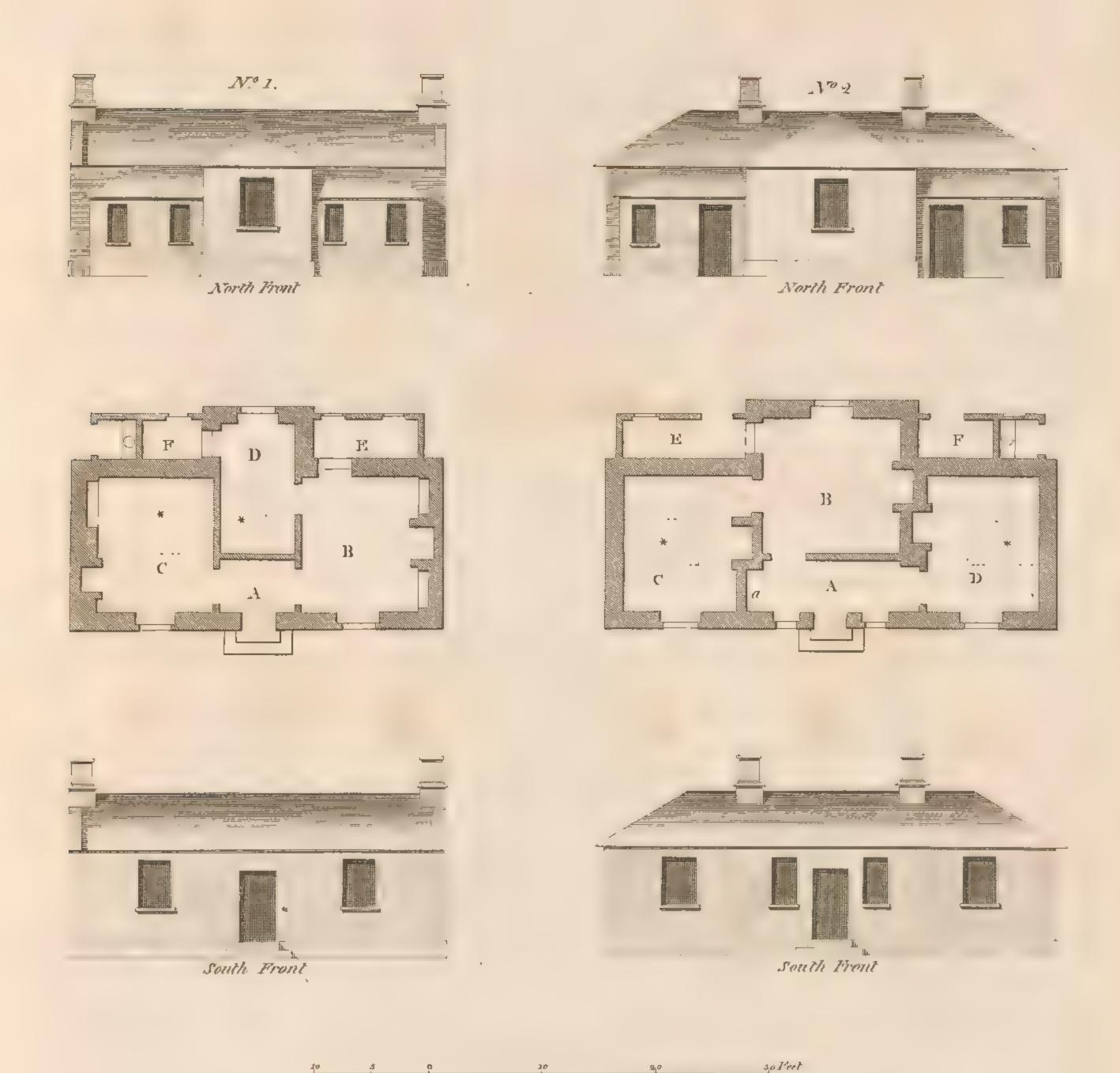
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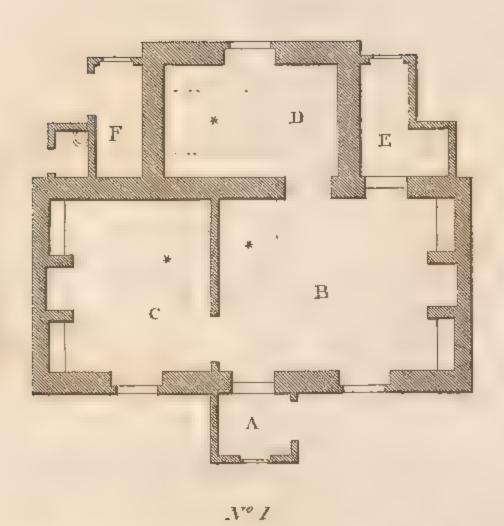


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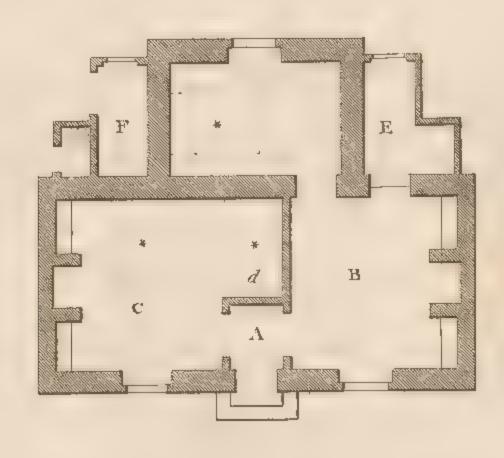


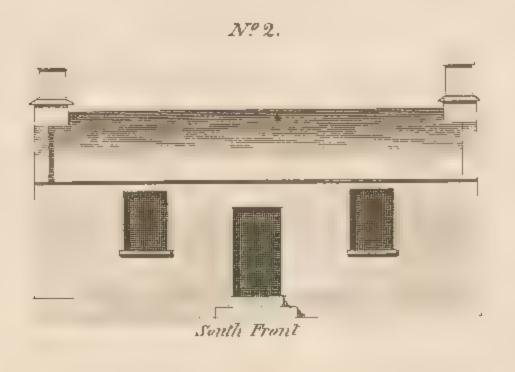


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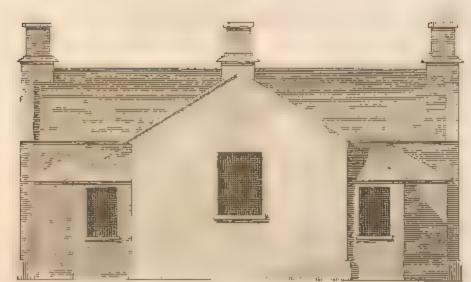






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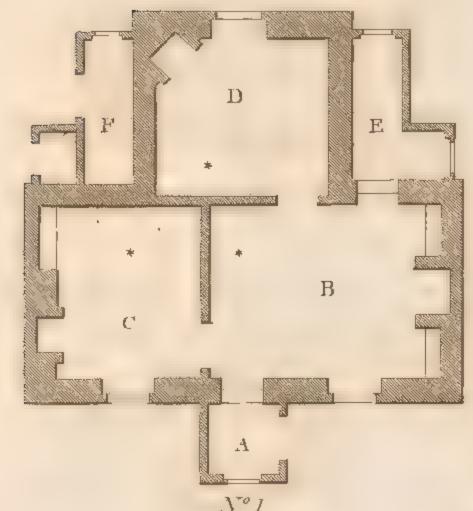


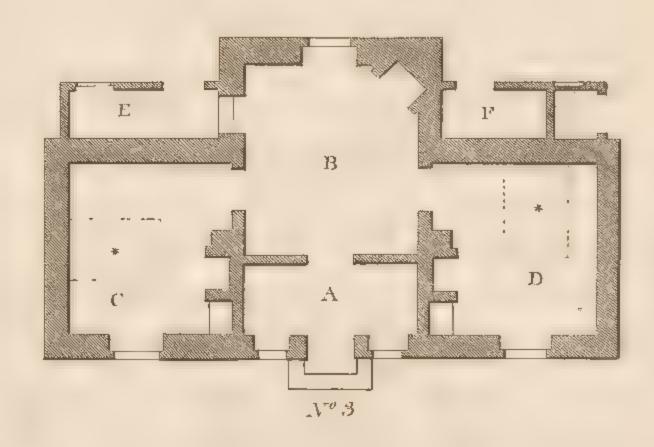


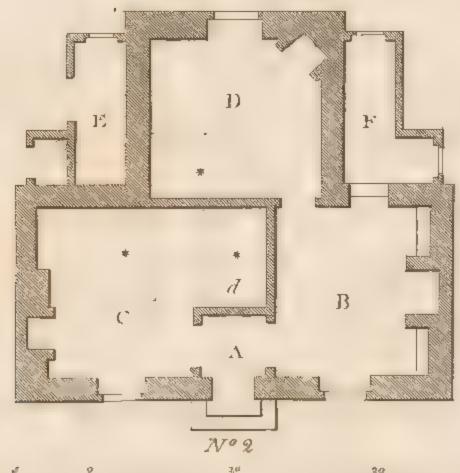
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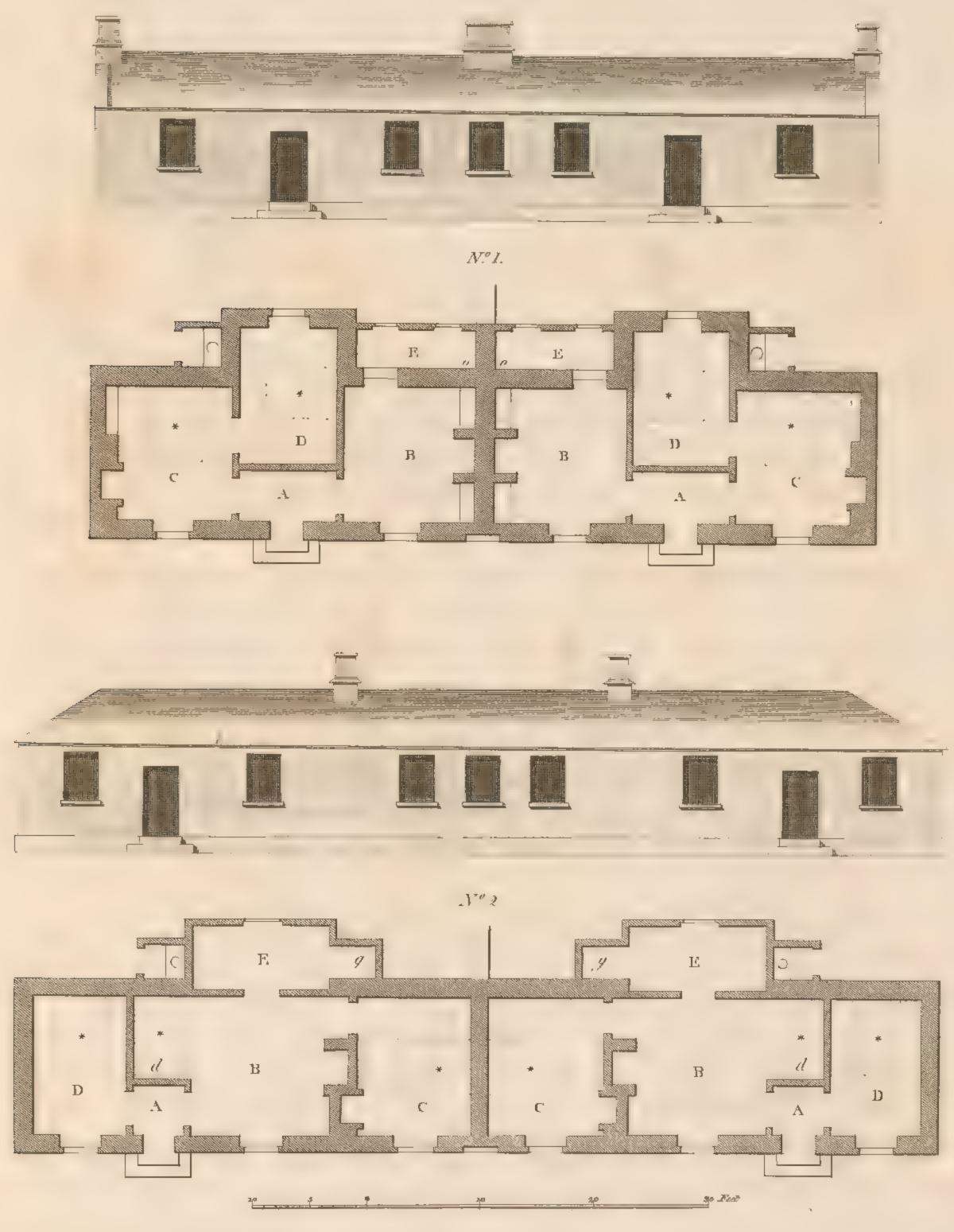






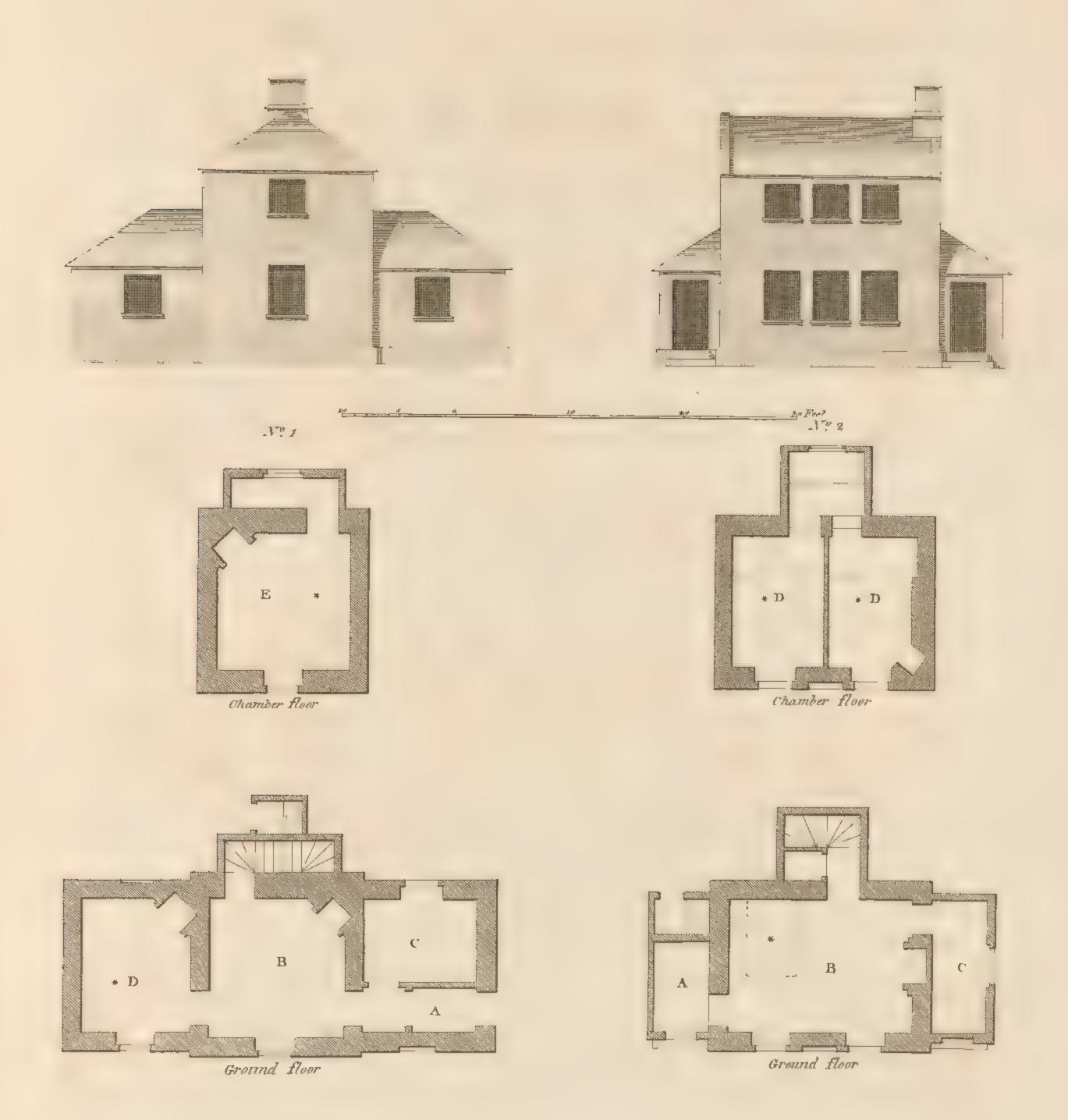
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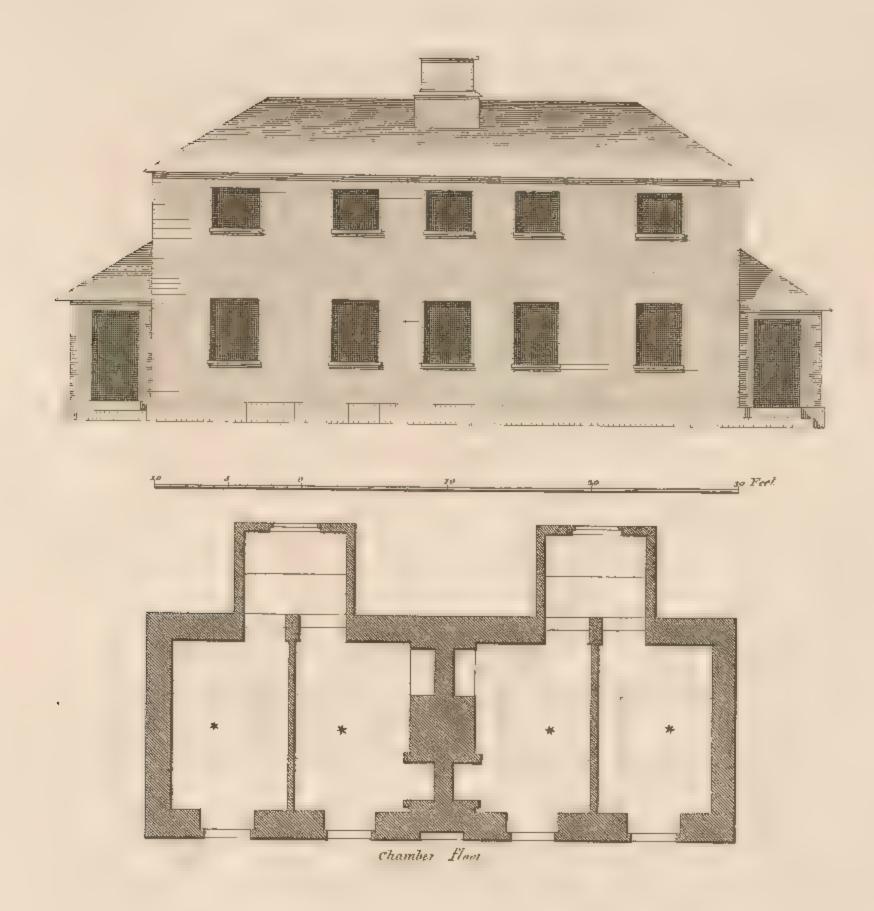
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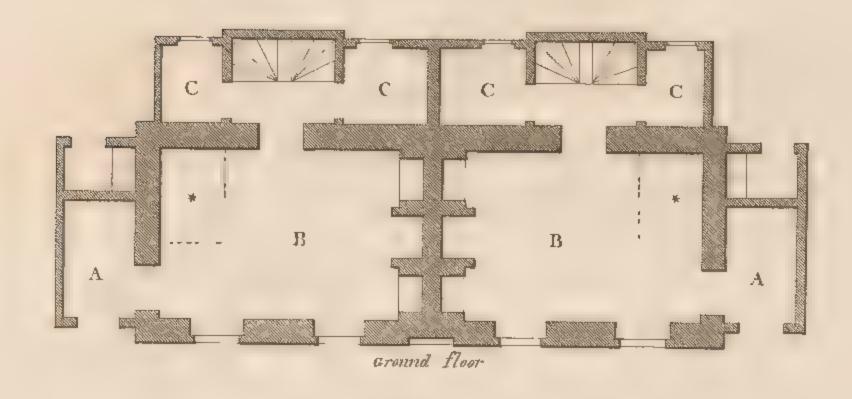




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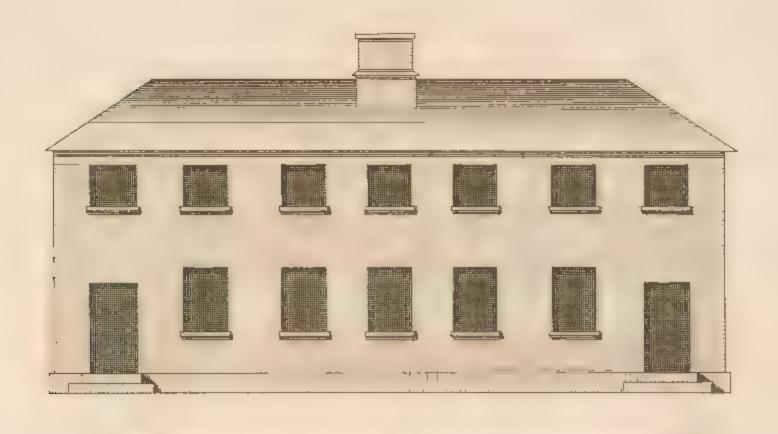


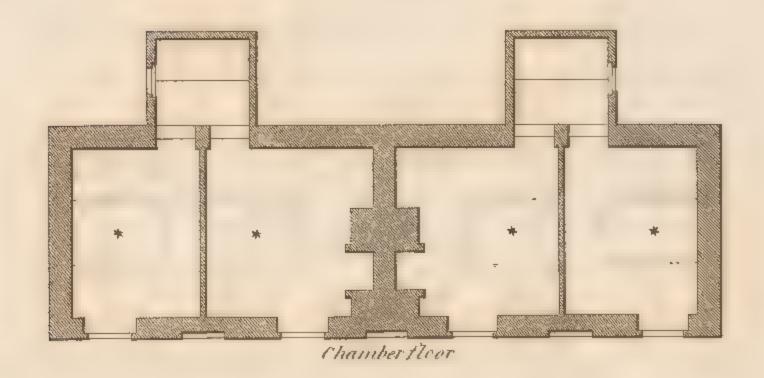


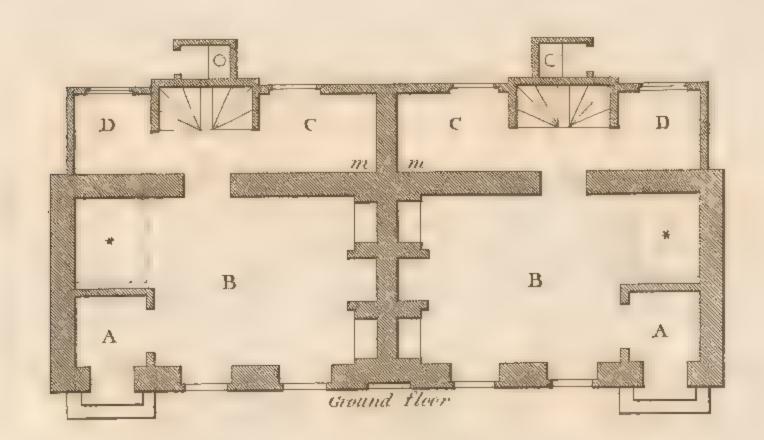


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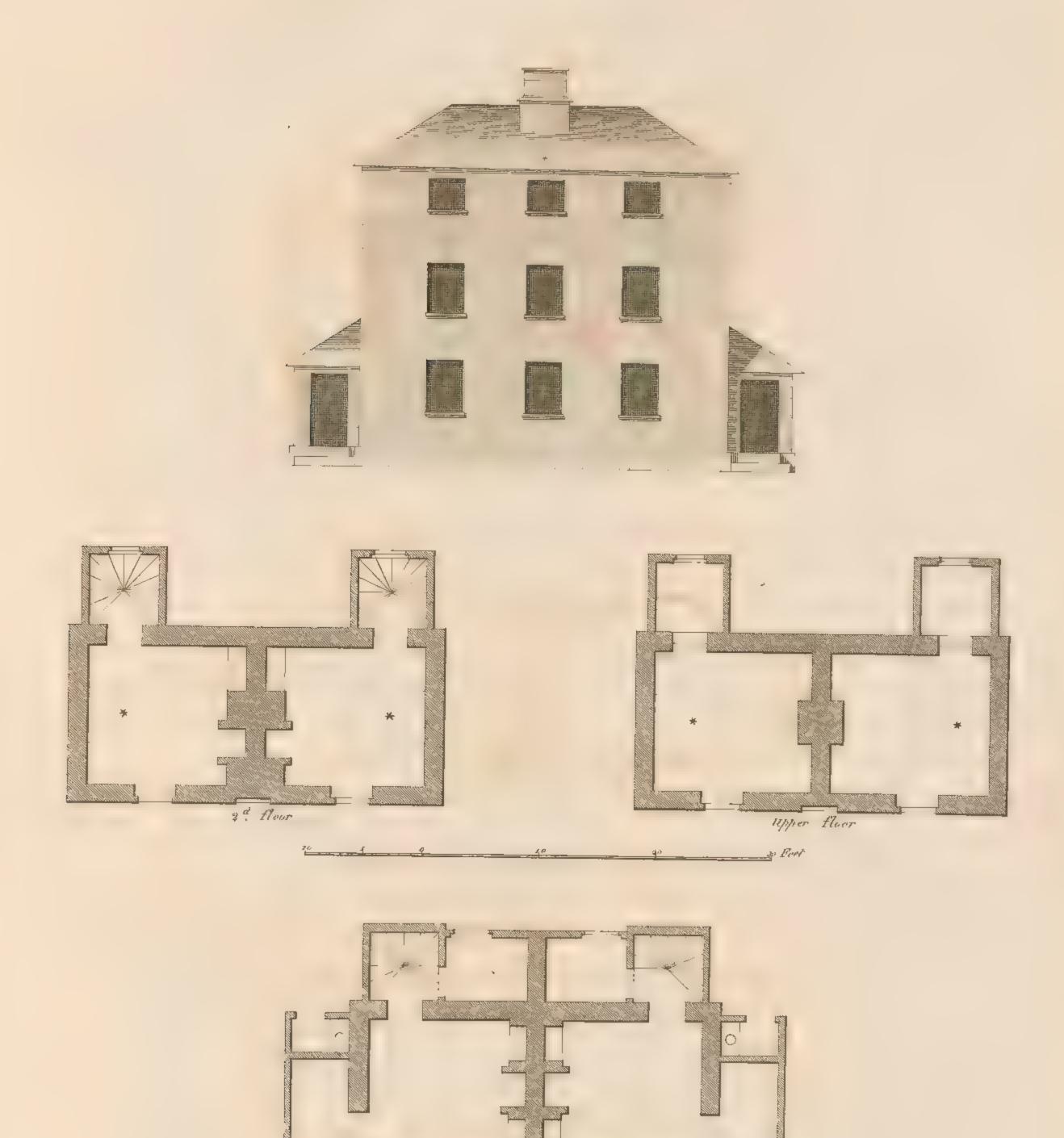






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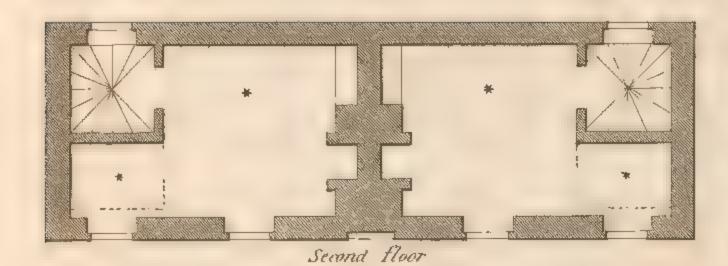


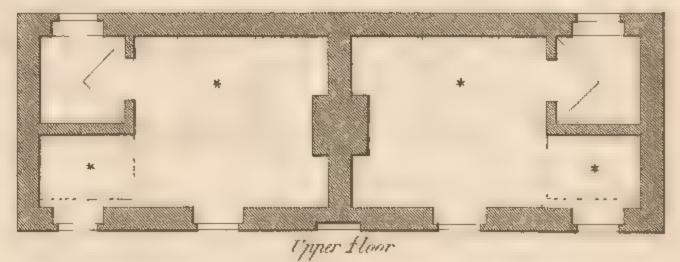
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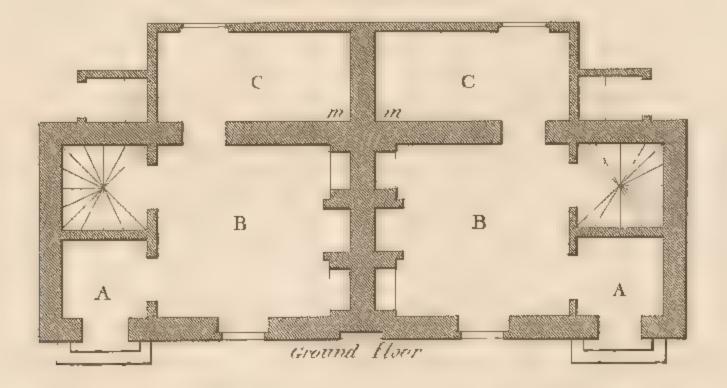
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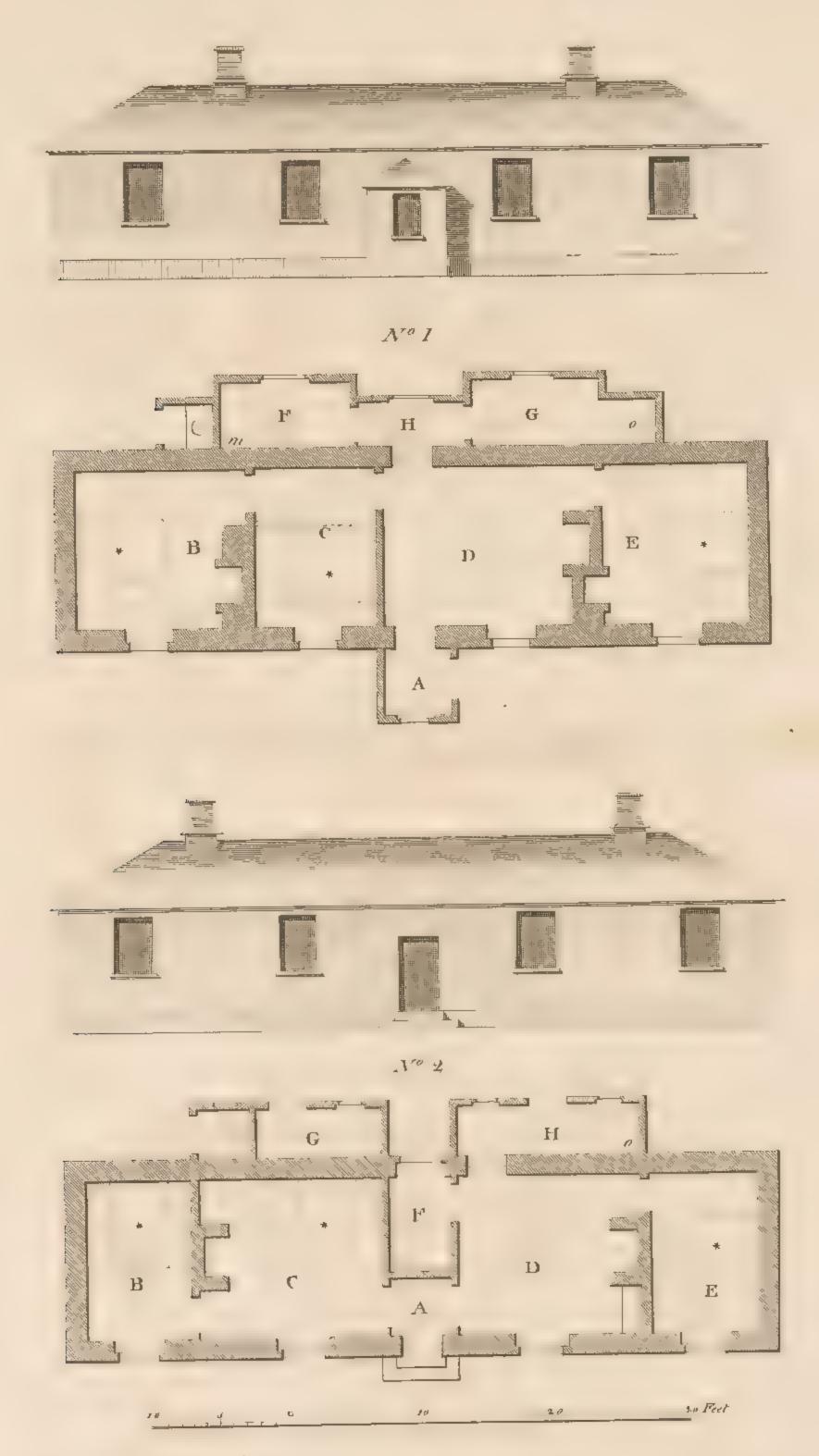






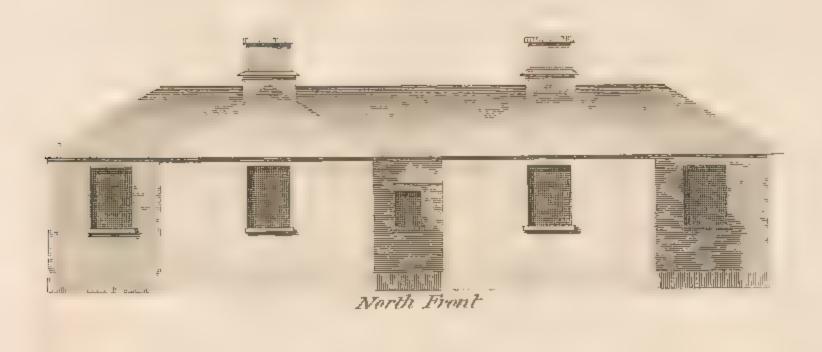
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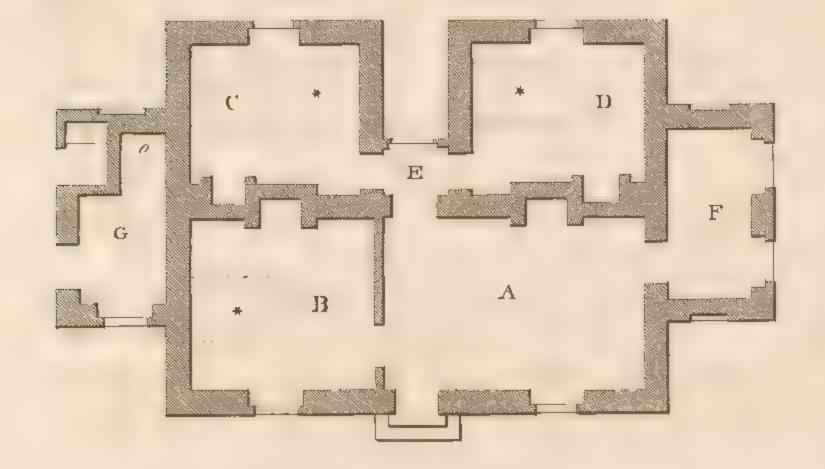


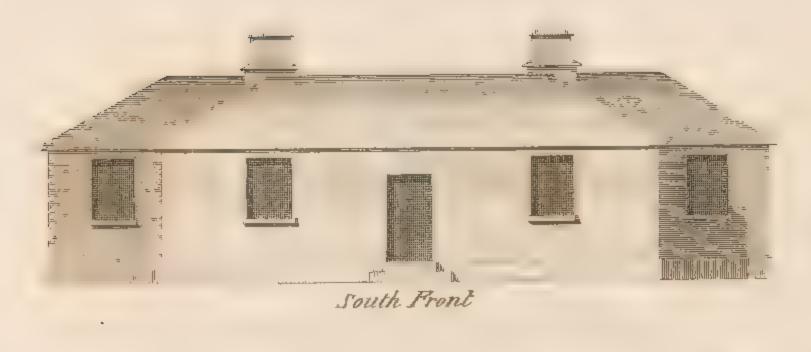


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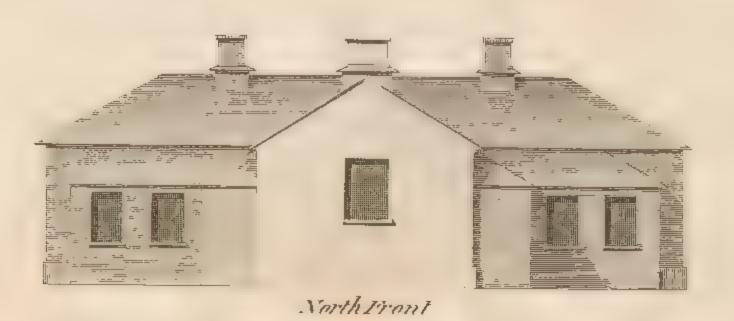


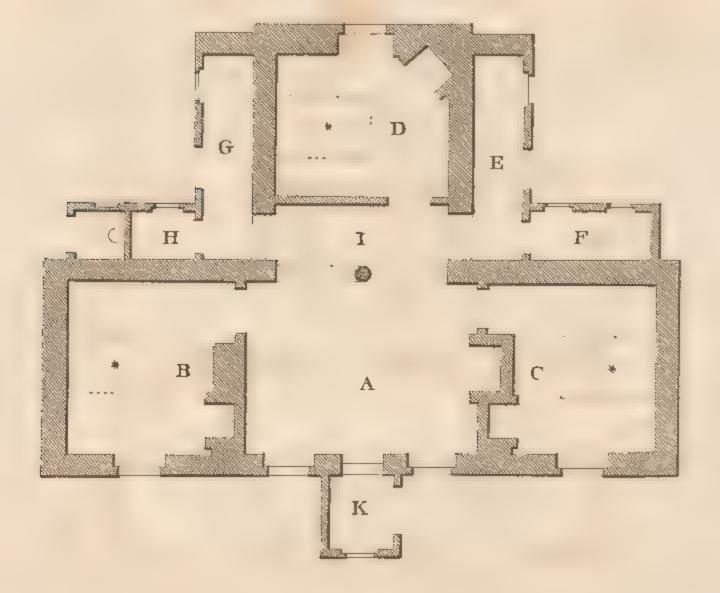


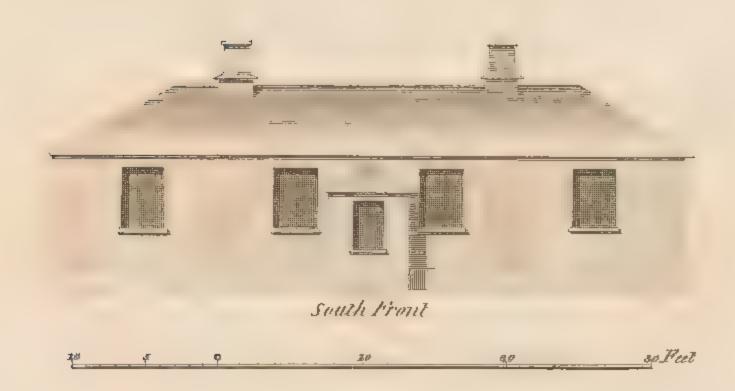
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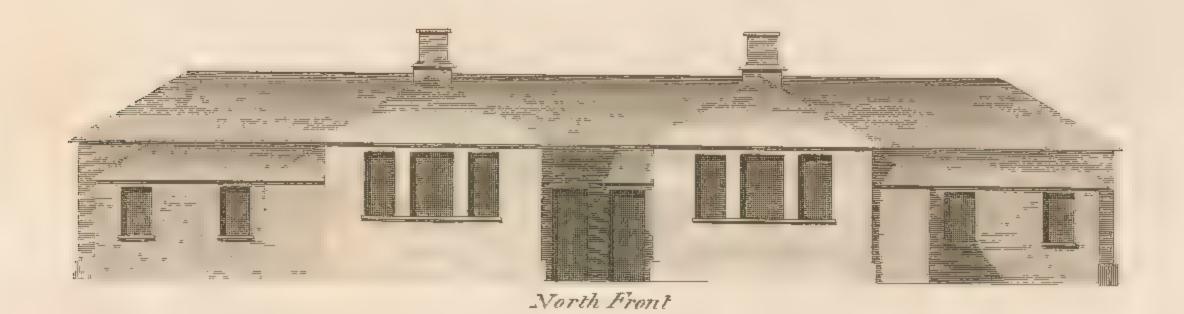


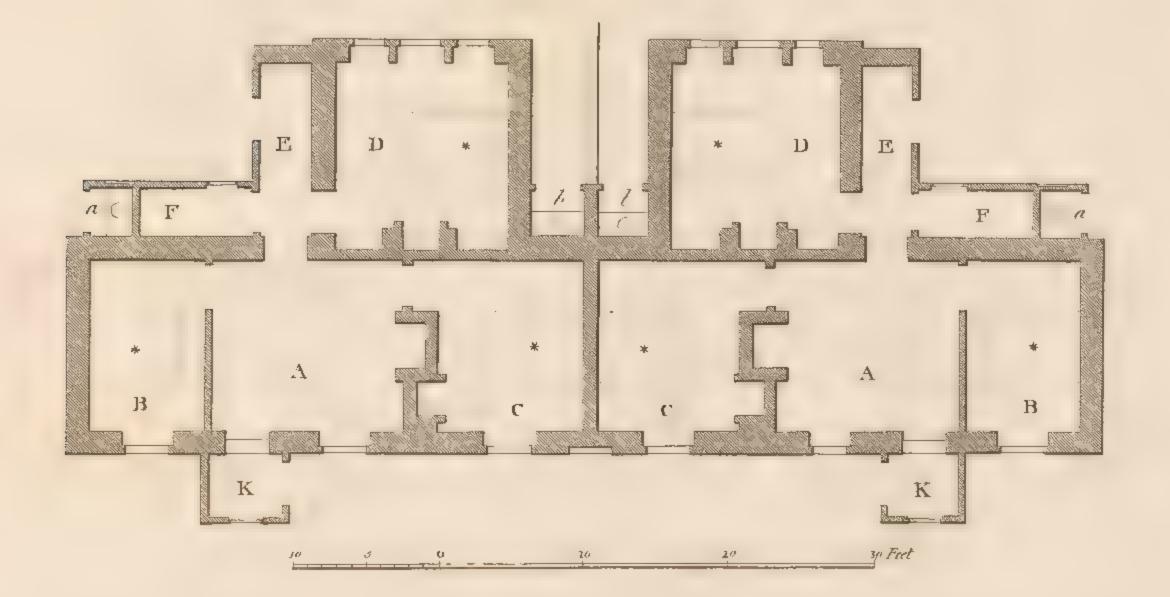


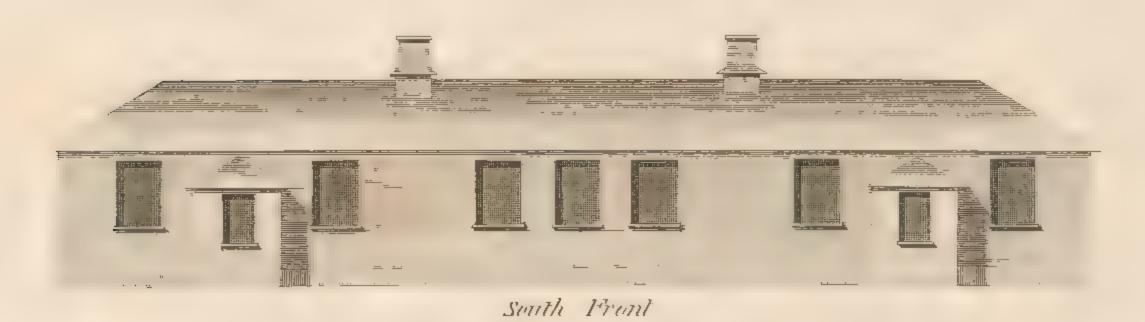


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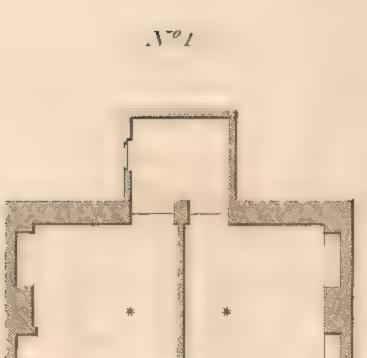


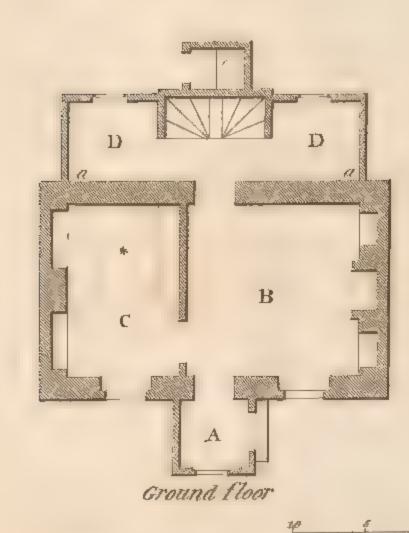


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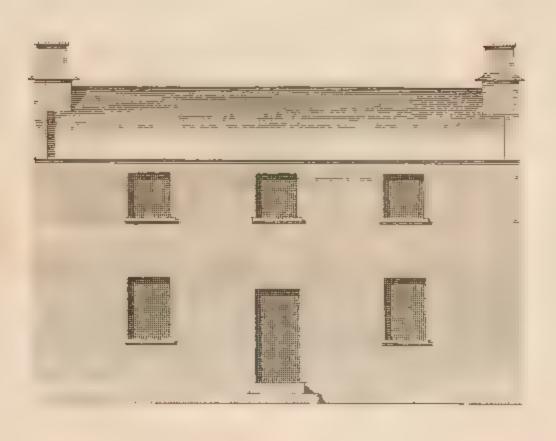




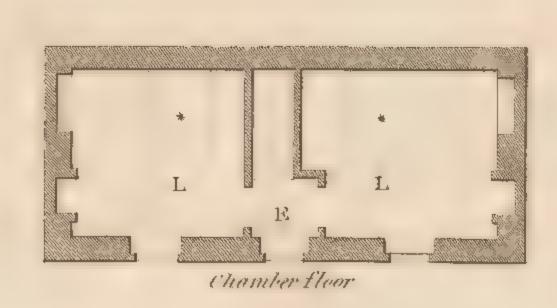


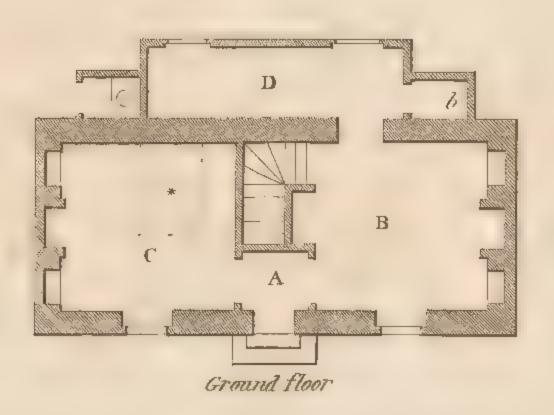


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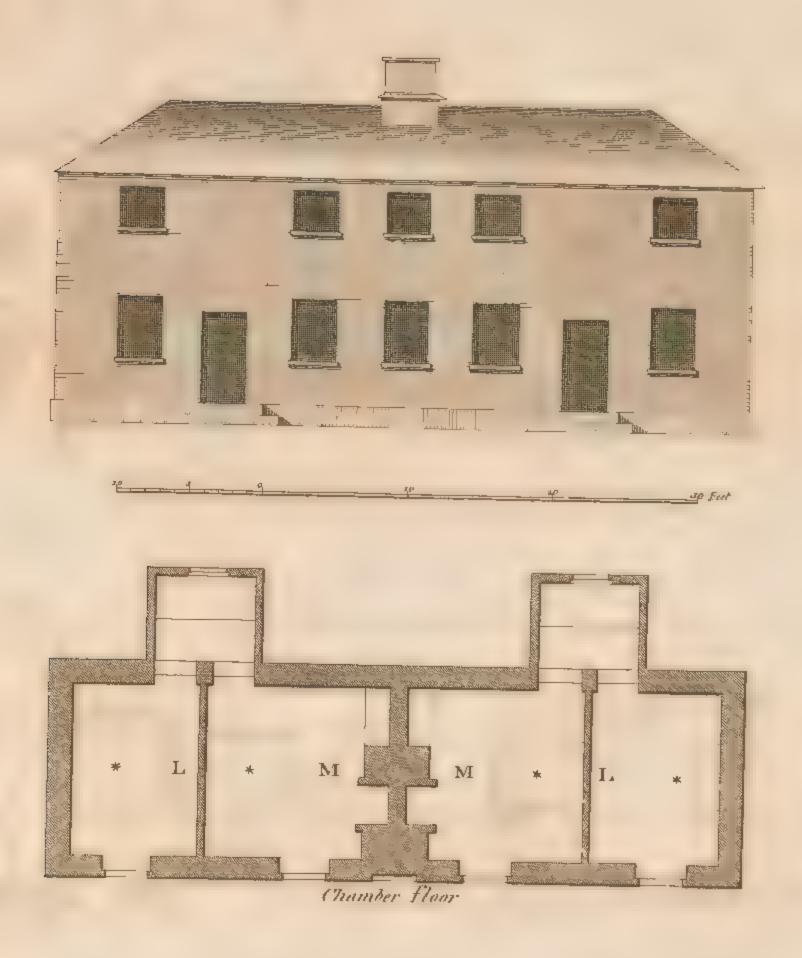


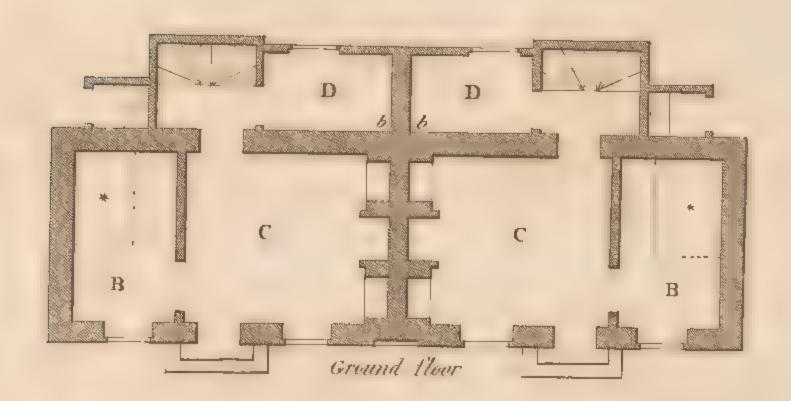


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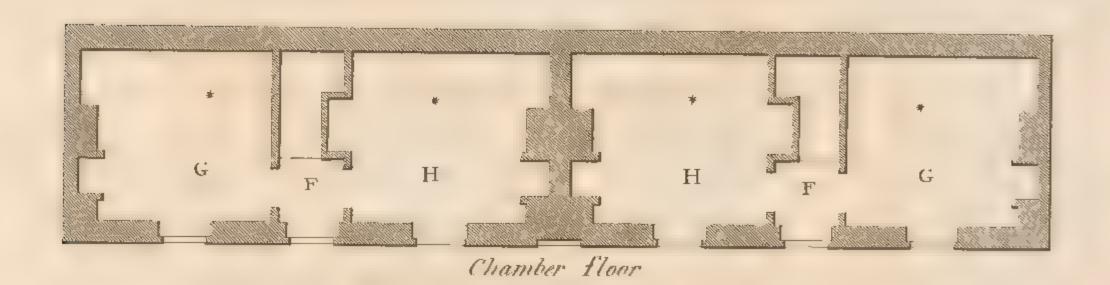


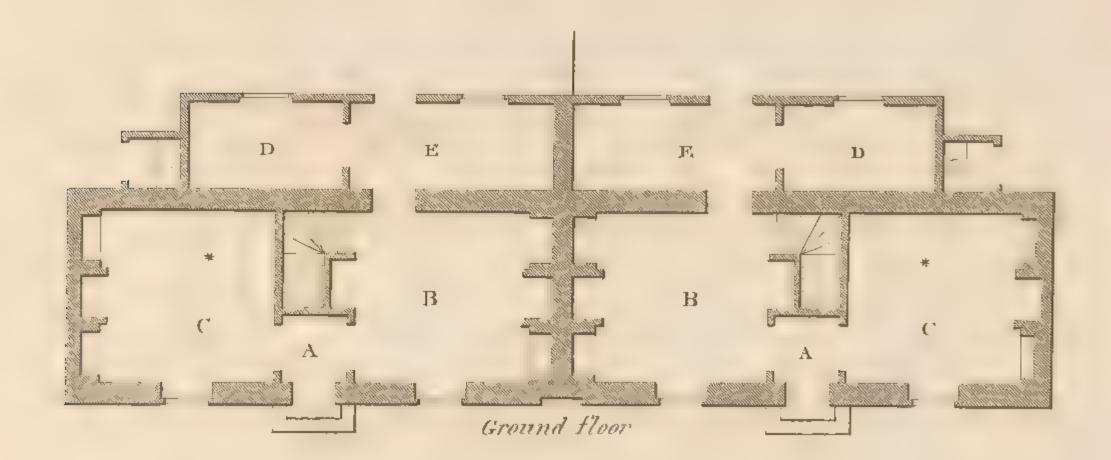


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